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'We're not sweatshops'

Garments exporters worry about int'l image

By Michelle V. Remo
Business
and Martin P. Marfil

THE PHILIPPINES' major garments exporters adhere to core labor standards and international labor relations principles and shun sweatshop operations.

This was the contention of Donald Dee, president of the Confederation of Garment Exporters of the Philippines (Congep), in reaction to the special report that the INQUIRER ran last week on the inhumane working conditions at Anvil Ensembles, a garments factory in Taytay, Rizal.

Dee, also president of the Employers Confederation of the Philippines, said Anvil was not a member of Congep. Nevertheless, he said, the INQUIRER report could taint the image of the entire garments industry that contributes about $3 billion in export revenues every year, and cause the displacement of an estimated 400,000 workers.

"If there are cases like [Anvil's], the media should remember that our major customers [abroad] could pick up the story, and this could make them drop their orders. That is why I am reacting this way..." an annoyed Dee said in an interview.

He added: "Can you imagine the economic impact and [possible] dislocation you have caused, just because of this one small export company whose revenue is insignificant compared with what

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SUNSET IN PIKIT

Life goes on in troubled Pikit, North Cotabato as two girls gathering firewood return to the safety of an evacuation center at dusk. They are among the thousands who have abandoned their homes to escape the fighting between Moro Islamic Liberation Front rebels and government troops.

EDWIN BACASMAS

House of pleasure now a house of God

By Volt Contreras

TALK about a transformation.

"From disco house to 'Diyos Ko' (my God) house" was how, nearly 20 years ago, Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin described the then newly opened St. Paul the Apostle church in Quezon City.

Those parishioners who worked for the establishment of the church in 1983 take pride in being eyewitnesses to its transformation from a den of worldly pleasures to a sanctuary of worship.

The building at the corner of Mother Ignacia and Timog Avenues housed a popular nightspot called Spindle in the 1970s. Easily distinguished for its semi-circular design, it also used to house a bar, a stage for performing bands and a wide dance floor.

And, yes, according to parish priest Fr. Nelson Orqueta, a part of the church once served as "the aquarium," or the holding room where male customers viewed and picked out their choice of female receptionists (or what are known nowadays as GROs or "guest relations officers").

"We're the only parish with such a unique history, as far as we know," Ernesto Perlas, former chair of the St. Paul Parish Pastoral Council of lay persons, said last week in the course of taking the INQUIRER through a tour of sorts of the church interior.

"Even up to the early '90s when we were still using the old phone number (from Spindle), the

HOUSE/ A15

BLISS for Emmanuel and Mila Mercado is a second-place medal in a fun run (left); the birth of baby Therese in 1996, a few minutes before Mila fell into a coma from amniotic fluid embolism (above), and a shell necklace during their honeymoon in Boracay.

Couple running for hope and a miracle

By Alex Y. Vergara
Lifestyle

TO a serious athlete, a 5-km run is probably no more than a warm-up. But not for businessman Emmanuel "Wawel" Mercado who pushed his mentally handicapped wife Mila in an adult-sized stroller throughout a race.

The couple placed second in the recent Independence Day "fun run" organized by Corinthian Gardens homeowners.

The Mercados had reason to celebrate. After years of feeling sorry for himself over what happened to his wife, Wawel has regained his zest for life and returned to the sporting activities of his early youth.

The 36-year-old Mercado, the general manager of Performance Network Inc., was a track and field and cycling enthusiast. His wife, Mila, 39, was in fact his No. 1 fan during sporting events.

Their lives changed forever six years ago when an amniotic fluid embolism in the brain after giving birth to their only daughter, Therese, left Mila wheelchair-bound and unable to speak.

One has to be either patient or intuitive to be able to make out

COUPLE/ A16

Mountain midwives defy perils to deliver life

By Desiree Caluza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BONTOC, Mt. Province—Being a midwife in the provinces is not an easy task.

And in the Cordilleras, midwives have to hike for hours, ford rivers and cross creaking foot bridges to deliver babies. They pay no mind to the dangers, which include being caught in the crossfire in a battle between government soldiers and rebels or between warring tribes.

Their feet are full of calluses due to hours of endless walking.

But their priority is the health and safety of the mothers and babies they attend to.

"Never mind how our feet would look like or if there is trouble along the way. This is our calling," said Amadita Wagayan, 63, a midwife based in Sadanga town.

She said the best honor a midwife can receive from the people she has chosen to serve is when a newborn baby is named after her.

"Or, if it is a baby boy, the baby is named after our husbands or our fathers," said Mary Lee Piluden from Bauko town.

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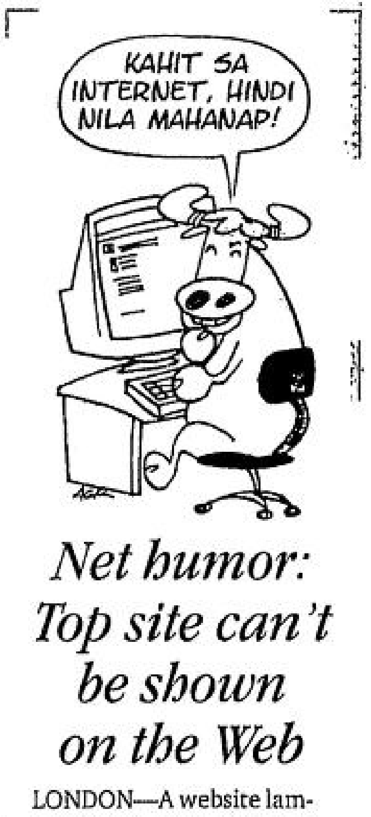
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Net humor: Top site can't be shown on the Web

LONDON—A website lampooning the United States' inability to locate weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has become one of the biggest hits on the Internet.

The site, which is designed to look like a genuine error message—replete with a "bomb" icon—is the top result when "weapons of mass destruction" is entered into one of the Web's most popular search engines, http://www.google.com.

And despite being five

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15 NPAs killed in Pampanga clash

By TJ Burgonio and Tonette Orejas, *PDI Central Luzon Desk*

CAMP OLIVAS, Pampanga—Fifteen communist rebels were killed, and five policemen and three militiamen wounded, in separate clashes in central Luzon and southern Mindanao in the past two days as the New People's Army continued to press a month-long offensive against government troops and installations.

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday ordered justice officials to file criminal charges against communist leaders, accusing the insurgents of carrying out "treacherous attacks" despite efforts to revive peace talks.

The President accused the NPA of carrying out a tactical alliance with the Muslim separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front in staging their attacks, and of turning to drug trafficking to fund their rebellion.

She said intelligence information showed that the NPA has been engaged in illegal extortion and of maintaining marijuana plantations to shore up dwindling funds, after their assets were frozen when they were officially tagged a terrorist organization by the United States and the European Union last year.

She said security officials have been asked to study a re-deployment of troops to areas where the NPA has been known to operate. Troops in recent months have been concentrated mostly in Mindanao, where they are battling MILF forces and the smaller Abu Sayyaf kidnap gang.

"The NPA has been engaged in a spate of attacks in recent days in parts of the archipelago, during which many soldiers and civilians have been killed or injured," the President said in a statement.

"We are combining military action with political and legal actions against these renewed threats. As we move against NPA units, we shall step up legal action against all personalities of the National Democratic Front, ostensibly engaged in democratic struggle but clandestinely leading and abetting the overthrow of government by force and violence," she said.

9-hour gunfight

The President did not say how the crackdown would affect ongoing efforts to revive peace talks with the NDF, the political wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines. She suspended peace talks in 2001 when the insurgents gunned down two congressmen.

The chief government peace negotiator, Silvestre Bello, has reached a "mutual understanding" with exiled communist rebel leaders in Europe to have the peace talks revived.

Troops clashed for nine hours with about 70 NPA rebels in a large fishpond area in Barangay Dos, Sasmuan, Pampanga, in running gun battles that started on Friday and ended at dawn yesterday, said Maj. Gen. Alberto Braganza, chief of the Army's 7th Infantry Division.

Navy frogmen recovered at least two of the rebels' bodies while the rest were carried off by the guerrillas as they fled, Braganza said.

Pumpboat capsizes

The 15 rebels were on board a motorboat that capsized during the fighting. An Army and police team staged the ambush after being tipped off about the rebels' presence in the village.

"They attempted to withdraw and escape in pumpboats under heavy rain. But our troops were in ambush position. We believe some of them are still in the area," Braganza said.

He said the rebels, belonging to the Komite Larangan Guerrillas of southeastern Pampanga headed by Ka Joshua, frequented the area to "collect revolutionary taxes."

Troops were scouring the coastlines of Bulacan, Pampanga and Orani, Bataan, for the escaping guerrillas, he said.

Six M-16 Armalite rifles, a shotgun, backpacks, anti-government documents and personal belongings were recovered in the ambush site.

Elsewhere in Central Luzon, soldiers from the 71st IB clashed with about 30 NPA rebels in Barangay Capintalan, Carangan town in Nueva Ecija yesterday.

Col. Jovenal Narcise, commander of the 702nd Infantry Brigade, claimed to have inflicted an "undetermined" number of rebel casualties, citing bloodstains at the site of the encounter and on the route the escaping rebels took.

An M-16 rifle, two shotguns, magazines, assorted bullets, anti-government documents and backpacks were recovered.

In Zambales, the Philippine National Police's Special Action Force engaged communist guerrillas in a series of running gun battles that were still going on at noon yesterday in Barangay Villar, Botolan, an Aeta village.

Chief Supt. Servando Hizon, SAF national commander, declined to give details. *With a report from Ansbert Joaquin, PDI Central Luzon Desk, and AFP*

POLICE Insp. Donald Narvasa, who was wounded in the Pampanga encounter with the NPA yesterday, is airlifted to the Chinese General Hospital in Manila on a PNP helicopter. PDI BAGUIO PHOTO

US 'keen' on brokering peace talks, as Malaysia balks

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE UNITED States is now keen on brokering peace negotiations between the Philippine government and Muslim rebels, following reports that Malaysia was having second thoughts about hosting the talks.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel yesterday announced that the US government was "forming a team to craft an appropriate role" for itself in the long-stalled process, should Malaysia pull out.

"American citizens knowledgeable about the situation in Mindanao and the Moro rebellion will be tapped to do the job," Pimentel said in a statement he issued from Washington DC.

Quoting official sources, the INQUIRER earlier reported that Malaysia would back out unless the Macapagal administration stopped treating MILF peace negotiators as terrorists. This was after Malacañang turned down the Malaysian government's proposal to lift the arrest warrants against the MILF leadership.

MILF chair Salamat Hashim and several of his deputies are facing multiple murder and frustrated multiple murder charges before a local court in Davao City.

Pimentel made the disclosure after a meeting with Ambassador Richard Solomon, president of the US Institute of Peace (Usip).

The opposition senator said Usip, a foreign policy think tank created and funded by the US Congress since 1984, had been instructed to define American role in the talks.

"It has been tasked by the Bush administration to backstop its policy to extend diplomatic and financial assistance to the peace negotiations between the (Philippine) government and the MILF," said Pimentel.

But he said the institute gave no timetable or details.

Despite the relative quiet in Central Mindanao these days, hopes for the resumption of the stalled talks remain uncertain.

In Cotabato City, a grassroots-based peace coalition with 162 affiliates, has urged both sides to go back "without delay" to the negotiating table.

Celestino Lagroma, secretary general of the Mindanao People's Peace Movement (MPPM), said his group had sent eight proposals to the President, the two houses of Congress and the MILF central committee.

"We appeal to your offices to take all possible measures to immediately stop the war (and) listen to the people's woes and suffering," the MPPM said in a statement.

The MPPM asked the government and the MILF to call back their respective troops from the field to prevent direct confrontations. *With Edwin O. Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

'Cardinal Sin broke the law when he urged GMA to run'

By Philip C. Tubeza

TREAD carefully.

The political party Social Justice Society yesterday said Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin violated the Constitution when he publicly advised President Macapagal-Arroyo to run in next year's elections.

The SJS warned other heads of religious groups not to follow Sin's lead, since the courts have ruled against religious leaders endorsing political candidates.

The Archdiocese of Manila has protested that Sin's "unsolicited" advice did not constitute an endorsement of Ms Macapagal's candidacy.

"You can deny it, but actually that was what it was," SJS head Samson Alcantara argued.

Sin on Friday told First Gentleman Mike Arroyo that the President should run, and that she should start campaigning in the countryside. The archdiocese immediately announced that Sin's remark was nothing more than a "lighthearted comment."

The Manila Regional Trial Court ruled late last month that religious leaders who endorsed political candidates violated constitutional provisions on the separation of Church and State. This after the SJS asked the court's opinion in a motion for declaratory relief.

Besides Sin, the other respondents in the SJS petition included El Shaddai's Mike Velarde, Iglesia ni Cristo executive minister Eraño Manalo, Jesus is Lord's Eddie Villanueva, and Dating Daan's Eli Soriano.

The June 27 ruling by Judge Concepcion Alarcon-Vergara said any head of a religious organization who "influences or threatens to punish" any of his members could be held liable for coercion, a violation of the right to vote freely. *With Armand N. Nocum*

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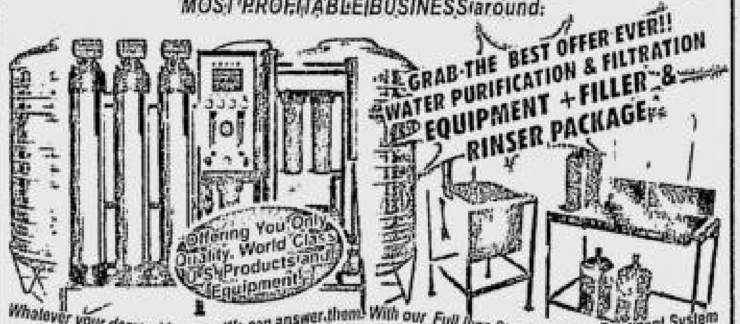

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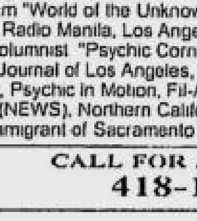

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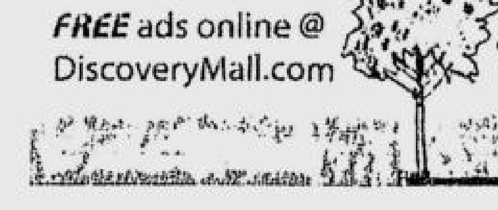

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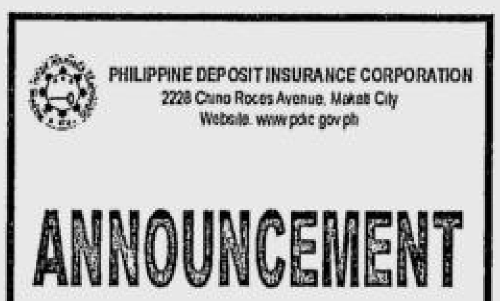

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Put 'pork' into classrooms, Drilon dares fellow solons

By Michael Lim Ubac

THIS SUGGESTION is guaranteed to lower Senate President Franklin Drilon's popularity among his fellow legislators.

Drilon yesterday called on the members of both houses of Congress to use all of their pork barrel funds to address the acute classroom shortage in the public schools nationwide.

Drilon noted that because of the lack of 44,000 classrooms in the public school system, close to two million students hold classes in the open or under the trees.

"We can finally solve the classroom problem if we devote all of our pork barrel to it," Drilon said in an interview.

The pork barrel refers to the allocation in the national budget given over to local projects like basketball courts and waiting sheds identified by the legislators. Each congressman gets P100 million a year, while every senator gets P200 million.

Drilon's suggestion is simple: use the remaining funds from the 2002 pork barrel and the entire 2003 allocation to construct the classrooms.

"That should be enough to immediately construct all the classrooms we need. The rest of the money could be used to buy desks, textbooks, teaching materials and even chalk," he said.

Drilon's call is expected to fall on deaf ears, however, in the wake of some congressmen's complaint that they had yet to receive all of their pork barrel for 2002 and the entire allocation for this year.

Also, the election season is fast-approaching and the pork barrel, euphemistically called the Priority Development Assistance Fund, is a known source of kickbacks and campaign funds for legislators.

Drilon said he will formally ask Congress to give the entire pork barrel fund to the Department of Education when sessions resume on July 28.

Recovering Yorac reassumes charge of PCGG, say execs

DESPITE suffering a stroke and undergoing major surgery, Presidential Commission on Good Government chair Haydee Yorac remains on top of things at the agency, PCGG officials said Friday.

Though she has yet to report to the commission offices in Mandaluyong City, it was Yorac who signed the agency's latest communications to President Macapagal-Arroyo, PCGG Commissioner Vyva Aguirre said.

"She has reassumed command," Aguirre said. "We do nothing without her knowledge and approval."

Yorac, 62, suffered a mild stroke last Jan. 29 while attending a meeting at Malacañang. She was rushed to the Medical Center Manila, where she was confined in the intensive care unit for a week.

Later, doctors discovered a mass in one of her ovaries, so Yorac underwent an operation last May. She was bed-ridden for a month after that.

"The only thing that's preventing her from coming to the office is the fact she was bedridden for one month so her limbs are weak," Aguirre said.

Commissioner Ruben Carranza said the former Commission on Elections chair remains sharp as ever despite what she has gone through.

"To those who think she's become weak, she says she's stronger now than before she got sick," said Carranza, who was designated PCGG officer in charge while Yorac was in the hospital.

To back its words, the PCGG on Friday reiterated its hardline stand against any compromise between businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. and the Macapagal administration over the disputed coconut levy funds, as alleged by Sen. Joke Arroyo. *Dona Z. Pazzibugan*

Even Saguisag hails Tinga's appointment

THE SUPREME Court and the Integrated Bar of the Philippines yesterday welcomed the appointment of former Congressman Dante Tinga to the high tribunal.

Even former Sen. Rene Saguisag, a fervent critic of the current Supreme Court, said Tinga should be given "the benefit of the doubt."

Saguisag suggested that Tinga remain humble and not allow himself to be used by the administration, now that he is in the SC.

"That is the way the system works. In fairness, Dante deserves the benefit of the doubt. I have just lost another friend. From now on, I won't have any contact with Justice Tinga," Saguisag said.

Tinga replaces Justice Vicente Mendoza who retired in April. *Philip C. Tubeza*

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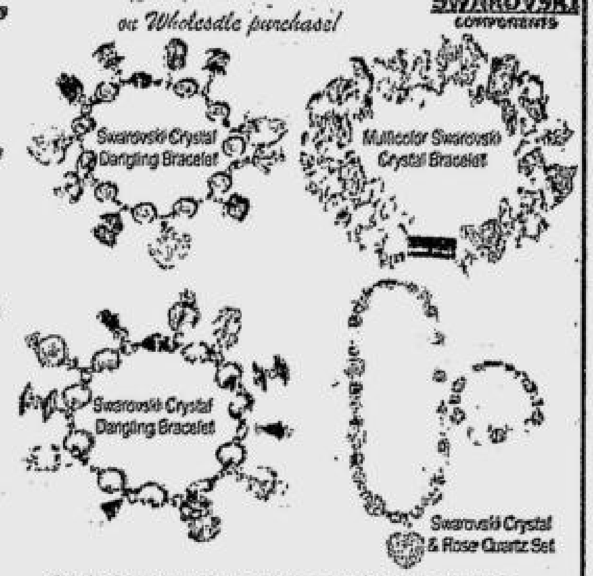

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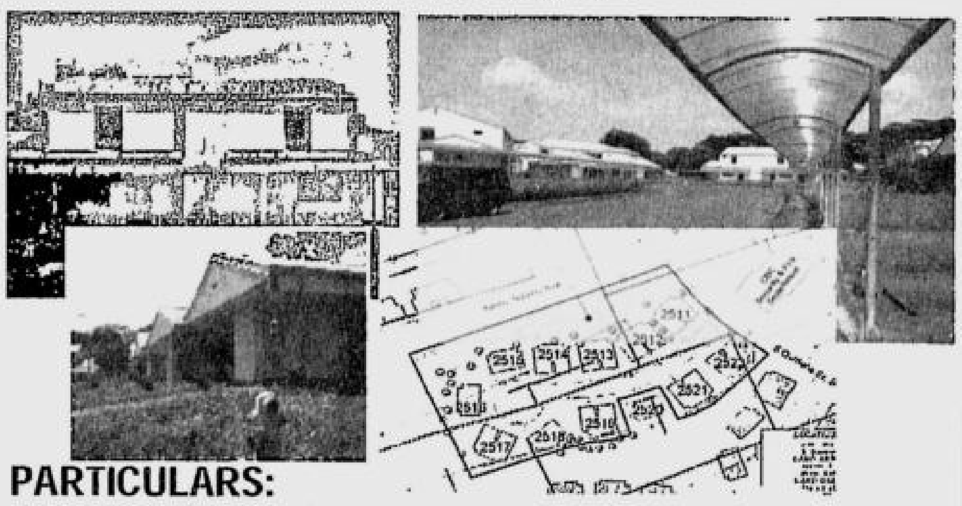

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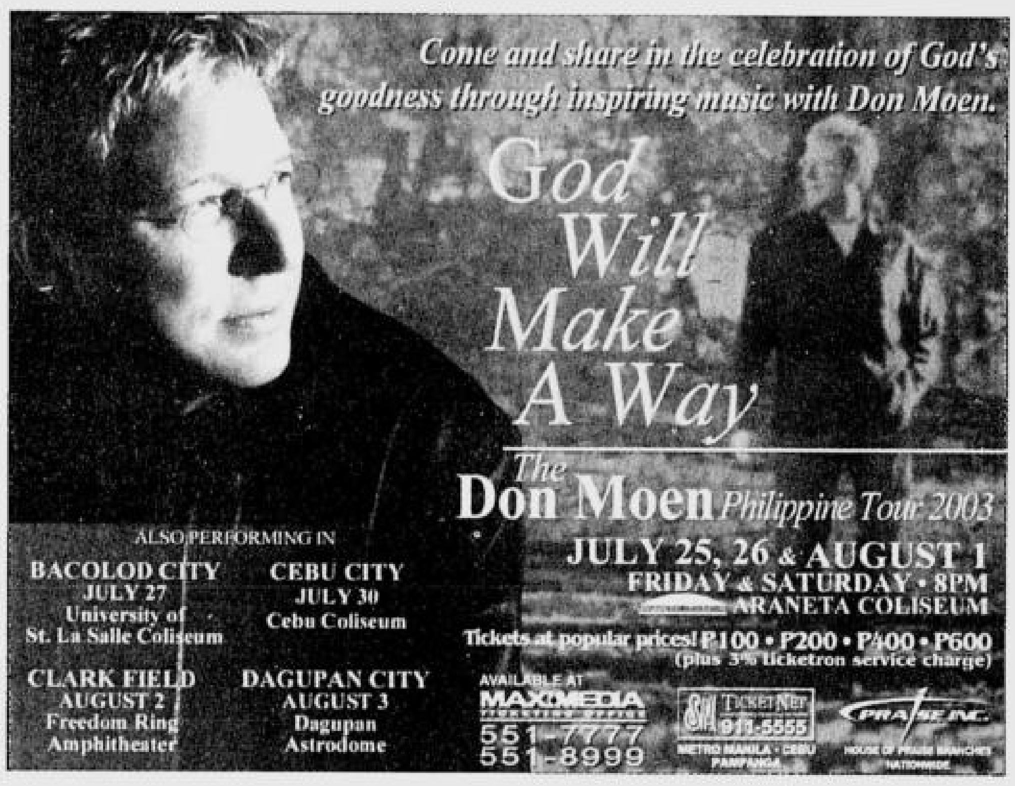

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SO THAT THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW THE TRUTH

This refers to the article of Ms. Leila Salaverria in the 02 July 2003 issue of the Inquirer entitled, **"Acacia Trees already dying, QC land developer says."**

In the said article, Misters Jose Zulueta and Erwin Pineda of DOLMAR Properties, Inc., made several claims regarding the on-going development activities in 11th corner Hemady Streets which we would like to correct:

The records pertaining to DOLMAR Properties are clear and speaks for itself. We may choose to remain silent in this issue and let the commercial undertaking pass, but as a responsible member of our community, I believe that our laws on the environment and zoning rules and regulations are not subject to compromises and shortcuts.

The following facts cannot be disputed:

1. **DOLMAR Properties has no "existing" Permit to Cut the Trees in 11th corner Hemady Streets, New Manila, Quezon City. There is no dispute that, DOLMAR was issued two (2) permits to cut by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). However, these two (2) permits have already expired on 6 October 2002 and 30 June 2002 respectively, and the latter has absolutely no legal basis to claim.**
2. **The barangay clearance, purportedly issued to DOLMAR Properties has been expressly revoked by the Chairman Regina Celeste San Miguel of Barangay Mariana in a letter dated 26 June 2003 to Engineer Joselito Cabungcal of the Quezon City Engineering Office. The revocation was done due to DOLMAR's failure to substantiate their proposed plans.**
3. **DOLMAR has no building permit from the Quezon City Local Government.**
4. **Contrary to the impressions being made by DOLMAR's Zulueta and Pineda, the undersigned is not the only voice in this struggle. Our cause to save the trees in Barangay Mariana, whether they be in public or private lands is being supported by other residents of Mariana Neighborhood Association together with the Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters, Sto. Domingo Convent, the UP Jr. Marketing Association and UP Students and other concerned citizens as can be attested by the signed Petitions we have submitted to the DENR, the Quezon City Local Government and the Barangay.**

With respect to the environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) issued to DOLMAR by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), the following fact cannot be denied – **the said ECC was already signed and approved by EMB Regional Director Sixto Tolentino sixteen (16) days before the actual public hearing/consultation was actually conducted by the EMB on 23 April 2003.** This fact was never revealed by the EMB to the parties who attended the said hearing. The said hearing therefore was a mere farce and already moot and academic. We have raised this matter to the proper administrative body. **The alleged statement attributed to Mr. Zulueta that, the century old trees are already dying is non-sequitor. To debut this argument however, let me state for the record that, in a letter dated 26 September 2002 by DENR Regional Director Corazon Davies to Mr. Zulueta himself, the said agency stated that, five (5) trees were of healthy conditions and that the seven (7) trees of less used species were only assessed with cavities and exposed root system.**

On the oft repeated statement of DOLMAR that the trees are in their private property and they should be allowed to do whatever they want, let me remind Mr. Zuleta that their project is for a commercial purpose and are subject to environment rules and regulations, such as Section 78 of Presidential Decree no.705 which requires a permit to cut from the DENR, even though the same is in private land, and also laws on land use, particularly the Quezon city Zoning Ordinance (S.P. 918 s.2000) which prohibits townhouses in the area, and allows only single family, single detached dwellings.

I cannot however give credence to Mr. Zulueta's statement on DOLMAR's reputation. Judging from the records we have right now and their inability to be transparent, their reputation leaves much to be desired. **Res ipsa loquitor.**

We are not however against legitimate development, but our environmental laws and zoning rules and regulations should not be sacrificed or circumvented for the sake of a commercial undertaking. These laws were enacted for a purpose and they should not be trampled upon.

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Archbishop Capalla is new CBCP head

DAVAO Archbishop Fernando Capalla is the new president of the 120-strong Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines.

Capalla, a Radio Veritas report says, was chosen over Batangas Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales and Archbishop Angel Lagdameo during the CBCP plenary assembly in Tagaytay City.

Capalla replaces Archbishop Orlando Quevedo of Cotabato beginning Dec. 1.

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TO THE
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HON. ELISEA GOZUN

We, the undersigned residents of Barangay Mariana, New Manila, Quezon City and the concerned citizens of the Philippines, support all efforts to protect the environment in Barangay Mariana.

We strongly urge the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Chief Executive of Barangay Mariana, the Barangay and the City Government of Quezon City to save our trees, whether they be in public or private lands, in the interest of public welfare for the present and future generations.

We would like the hundred year old trees in 11th Street, corner Dona Hemady, New Manila, Quezon City saved and we urge the aforementioned government agencies not to issue any permit to the developer of the said property unless and until all environment and zoning laws, rules and regulations are strictly complied with and not subjected to short-cuts, for the interest of a few, and until all concerns of the homeowners are properly addressed with transparency.

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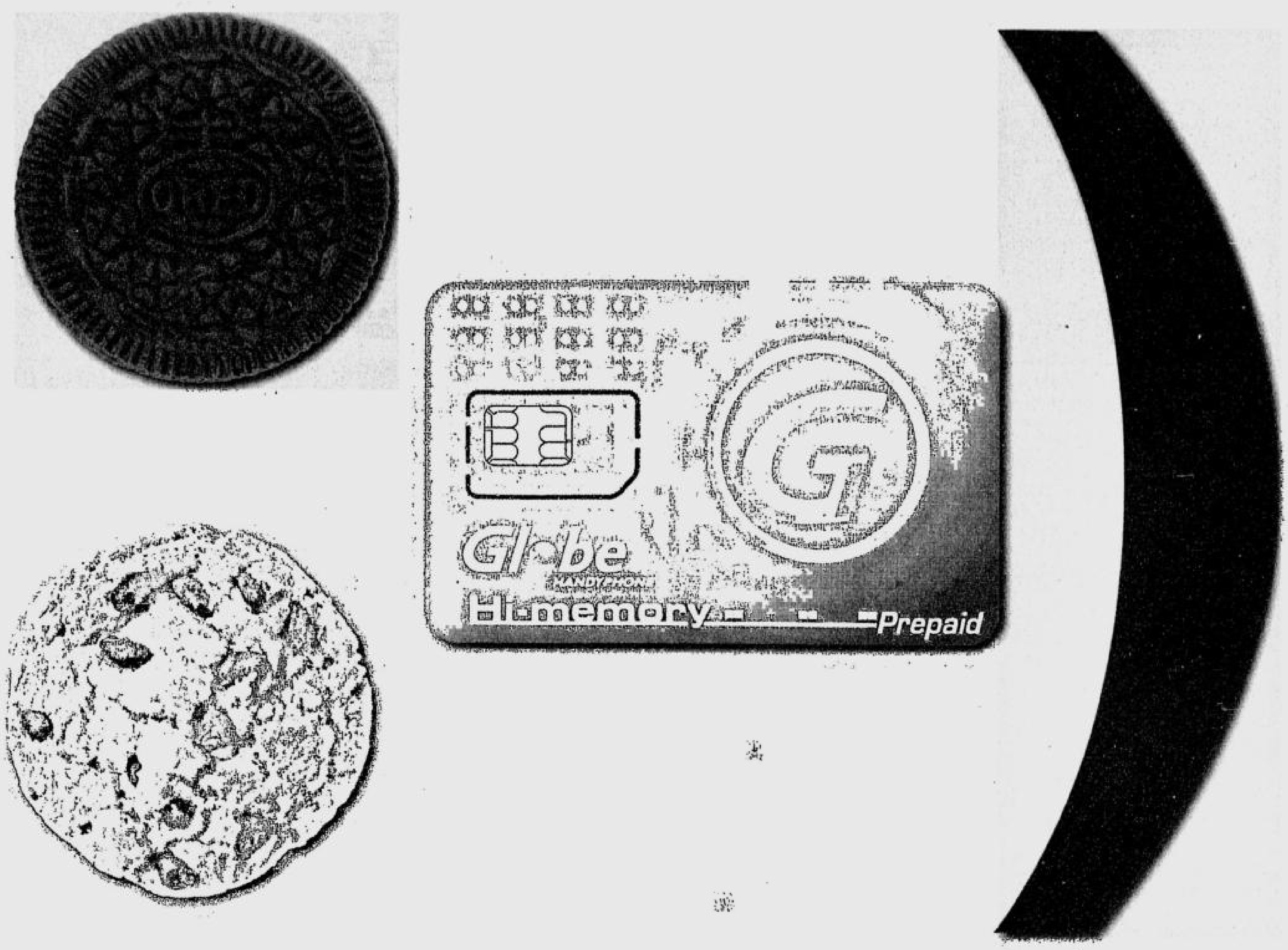

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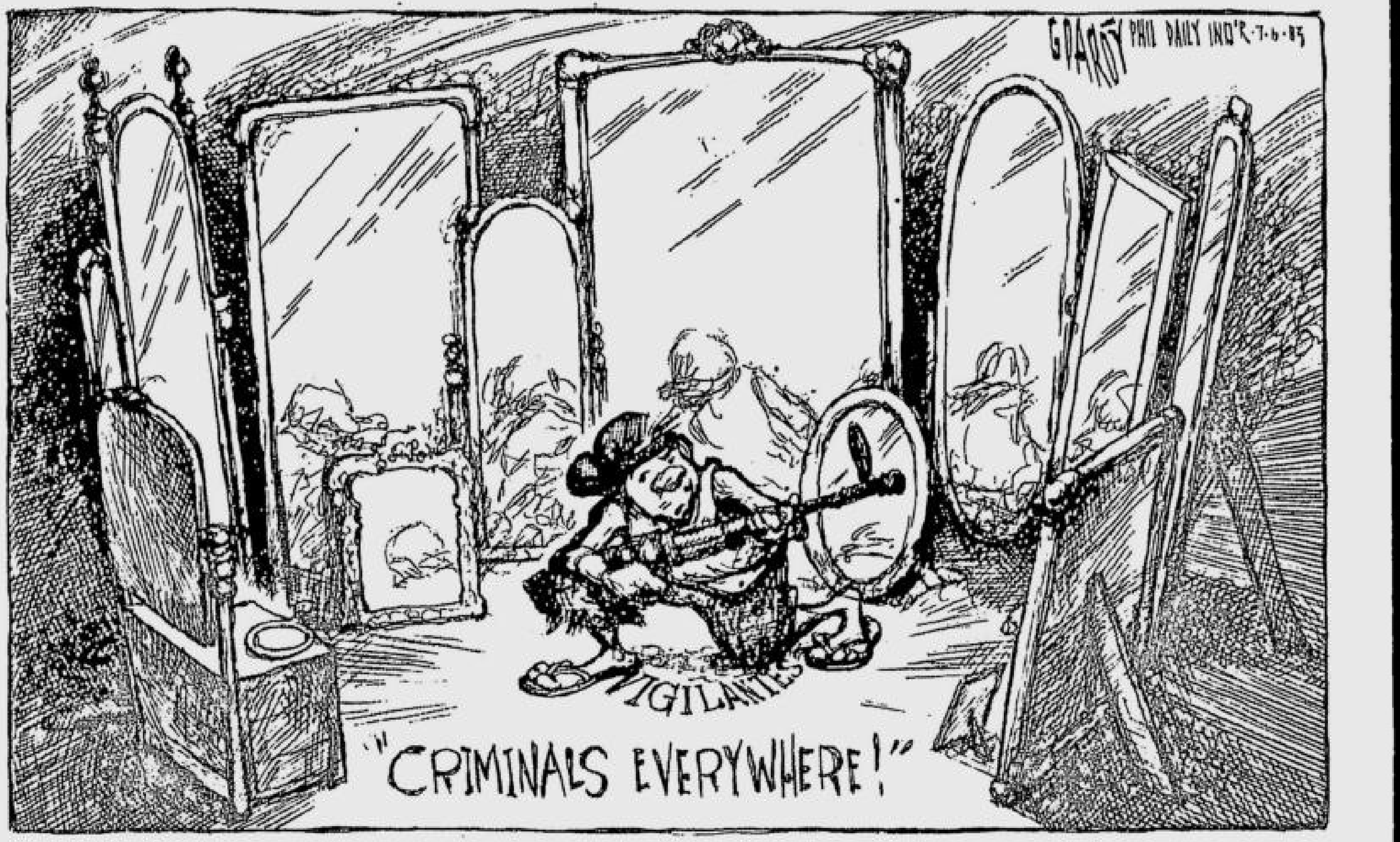

The trap

EDITORIALS

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco will go on provincial sorties starting this week comes as no surprise. A week after failing to even figure in a Social Weather Stations survey on prospective presidential candidates, Cojuangco must have realized his political game plan was already cut out for him.

He must continue to air his political ad—transparently disguised as an institutional commercial for the newly renamed Ginebra San Miguel Inc.—but at the same time he must start to press the flesh.

In Bacolod City on Friday, Cojuangco said he was still undecided about his political plans. He said he needed to "really think it over." This sounds about right; it is likely that his business advisers have finally cut through the clutter the politicians who have been urging him to run had created. The new message: Before you dive, test the waters.

"I also want to go around and get the feel of the masses of our people because they are the ones (who) matter the most," Cojuangco told the INQUIRER. The same message was dutifully broadcast on the same day by the two Lakas-CMD congressmen who most want the Nationalist People's Coalition founder to run. "Danding wants to feel the people's pulse concerning next year's presidential election so he can decide whether or not (to) run for president," said Rep. Jacinto Paras of Negros Oriental. Said Rep. Prospero Nograles of Davao City: "Politically, if he tests the waters, then his ratings would go up, and he'll surely fare strongly come next survey."

But what kind of press-the-flesh campaign do Cojuangco's avid supporters have in mind? "It's time for Danding to go out and touch base with his political leaders in the field," Nograles said. Paras said the same thing: the Marcos-era ambassador will first meet with political leaders in Luzon, before visiting Mindanao.

Ah, the classic Mitra trap. In the 1992 elections, in which Cojuangco made a failed run for Malacañang, Speaker Ramon Mitra was widely touted to win, because he enjoyed solid support from congressmen and banked on the vaunted nationwide network of the LDP. As it turned out, Mitra ended up a dismal fourth, largely because both the political class and the chattering classes mistook his rapport with party leaders for popular support.

The lesson is there for Cojuangco to heed: A hundred-plus congressmen, a thousand political leaders, do not a presidency make.

The test

IS ex-Tarlac governor, ex-Marcos crony, ex-Estrada ally Eduardo Cojuangco ready to answer the tough questions? Regardless of his final game plan, Cojuangco can be sure that a second run for the presidency will be much tougher—and more ambiguous—than the first.

In 1992, or a mere six years after he fled the country with the Marcoses, he ran on a platform that can best be described as vindicatory. There was nothing ambiguous in his campaign; he sought a return to the past. If Imelda Marcos had not split the Marcos loyalist vote, it is possible he would have won in a crowded field.

Last Friday, Cojuangco told the INQUIRER that "the situation now and in '92 are quite different." He is right, partly because the democratic restoration that President Corazon Aquino led was largely completed under President Fidel Ramos, and partly because Cojuangco himself has moved to the center. His Nationalist People's Coalition is a member of the ruling alliance, and his continued stay as chair of San Miguel Corp. is the result of a modus vivendi with the Macapagal administration.

But the unsettling questions remain. How did he wrest control of San Miguel in the early 1980s if not through the use of the controversial coconut levy fund? What was his role during the Marcos regime, when he was the late dictator's most favored businessman? To these and similar questions, we must add new ones, about his conduct during the Estrada administration. What is the fate of some P10 billion in behest loans extended by the United Coconut Planters Bank? How did the sequestered Coconut Industry Investment Fund almost end up buying decrepit oil mills said to belong to him for nearly P900 million?

A second Cojuangco candidacy will be consumed by such questions. His boosters may think his money and his network will make these issues disappear; some may think his moving to the center will render these issues peripheral. They would be wrong.

Acquittal in absentia

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

FROM JOAN ORENDAIN, who says she has been working with the FLAG lawyers since eight years ago on the Kuratong Baleleng case, I received a letter dated May 28, 2003, informing me of the latest developments in that case. I collected the letter from the PDI only last week because I seldom go there to pick up my mail (which is the reason for my belated replies and unhonored invitations that I often receive after the event.)

Ms Orendain says that of the 32 persons earlier accused in the Kuratong Baleleng case, which the Supreme Court ordered refiled because of the defect in the original information, only Sen. Panfilo Lacson has moved for reconsideration. This made the decision final and executory for the rest of the accused, none of whom, however, has been arrested so far. Some of them have fled our jurisdiction, others are missing, and all of them are free. Lacson himself cannot be arrested pending resolution of his pending motion. He cannot claim his parliamentary immunity from arrest because he is charged with a crime punishable with more than six years of imprisonment.

The usual procedure is for the prosecutor's office to make the initial investigation and, upon finding a prima facie case against the suspect, to file the corresponding information against him before the competent court. The trial court will thereupon examine the findings of the prosecution and personally evaluate the evidence on record to determine if probable cause exists to justify the issuance of a warrant of arrest against him. If arrested, he will, before conviction, be entitled to bail except where the crime imputed to him is punishable with reclusion perpetua (30 years) or higher and the evidence of his guilt is strong.

Among the accused, Lacson's two top lieutenants have long since fled the coop and are supposed to be somewhere in the United States. These are Michael Ray Aquino and Cezar Mancao, both P/S superintendents, the latter having recently been dropped from the PNP rolls for extended absence without leave. (Why not Aquino too?) P/C Supt. Jewel Canson is said to have left the country last February and his whereabouts are not known to the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation. Three of the accused are still in the service, while the others presumably have been separated, with their present addresses unknown. None of them, to repeat, has been arrested despite the finality of the Supreme Court decision ordering their re-indictment.

This case raises some worrisome questions about the apparent facility with which persons accused of a crime are able to escape trial and punishment under our laws. All they have to do is go abroad and never return to this country. And as if this decampment were not by itself condemnable enough, it is available only to those who have the means to travel and stay abroad indefinitely. The poor cannot afford this cynical luxury and so must stay here and face the music, be it rock or dirge. The rich can thumb their noses at the government, which may have the evidence against them but cannot even arrest and try them.

Unlike under the old procedure, an accused person may now be tried in absentia provided he has already been arraigned, has been duly notified of the trial, and his failure to appear is unjustifiable. The catch is that he must have been previously arraigned (i.e., informed of the charge against him), which means that, without such arraignment, trial may not proceed against him even if he has been directly or indirectly notified. The culprit's caveat, therefore, is to escape before arraignment, which will prevent his trial in absentia and almost certain conviction.

It was presumably with this thought in mind that some highly suspicious individuals facing prosecution under our laws have quietly left the country and are now in foreign countries beyond the jurisdiction of our criminal courts. Soon after Erap's ouster, his accountant, Yolanda Ricaforte, and his top crony, Atong Ang, flew to the United States, where Ang is facing extradition proceedings while Ricaforte is relatively free. After the Bubby Dacer murder, suspects Aquino and Mancao disappeared and are believed to be also abroad. Dante Tan, another Erap pal involved in the BW insider trading scandal, was last seen in Australia, where he is now also wanted for another crime. And Rodolfo Pacificador, one of those accused of the murder of Evelio Javier in 1986, has permanently eluded Philippine justice in his sanctuary in Canada.

The Department of Justice must find a way to legally detain persons facing criminal investigation and possible prosecution instead of allowing them the unimpeded right to leave for abroad on some innocent pretext when their real purpose is to evade their trial and punishment. Interestingly, Annabelle Rama, whose conviction for estafa has been pending appeal these many years, was allowed by the court to attend Donita Rose's wedding in the United States while others have been denied similar privileges although they had more valid reasons. Just what kind of justice system do we have?

The lonely road

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

LAST June 2, I had a sick call at St. Luke's Hospital. Upon reaching the CCU, I was told that the patient was no longer there. I felt bad that I did not make it there on time. Just when I was feeling regretful, the nurse said: "Oh, she's now at the operating room, Father." So I rushed to the OR, and met Dr. Castro. I told him I wanted to bless still the patient if at all possible. "You're still on time Father" he told me, and instructed me to put on the gown and mask and brought me straight to the OR, where I was able to bless the patient, and the doctors, the nurses before they began their procedures. I was amazed at their openness, hospitality, welcome. I really felt good about the appreciation of the patient, and the whole OR staff. Yes, it was a meaningful OR moment (even if I was wearing, for the first time in my life, a surgical gown colored pink!)

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The appreciation and welcome I experienced is exactly the opposite of what Jesus experienced in today's Gospel (Mk. 6, 1-6) He was not welcome in His very own home town. He was rejected by His very own people. Why? As he had often done before, He chose the lonely, not the popular road, because of his mission for the Father. Have you ever taken the "lonely road"? Or do you always take the lovely road?

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The "road less traveled" is oftentimes the lonely, lowly road. Naturally, we all want the easy road, the road of popularity and comfort, the road of ease and glory. But Jesus, by His word-example, has often taught us the road of hiddenness, humility, honesty and holiness is the road to take if we are to live a meaningful life. There are times in life when we are called to walk the lonely road. At such times, we must be brave. It is an abandoned, untreated road. The only assurance is that it is the right road to take. And that God is there.

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Why? What do you want in life? Applause What do you want from people? Approval? What are you so busy with? Provisions along the way? What are you so concerned with? Positions and achievements? What are you looking forward to? A comfortable retirement? How about God's applause? How about self-approval? How about personhood? How about living a real life now, and eternal life hereafter? How about you, the real you? He who has never taken the lonely road will never know what inner peace and contentment is.

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Someone once said that the surest way to be lonesome is to always tell the truth. Rightly so. Jesus did so. That's why many disliked, even hated Him. That's why He was crucified in the end. In the eyes of the world, Jesus was not successful because He chose the lonely road of honesty, righteousness, principles and sacrifice. If somewhere, sometime in your life you choose the "lonely road" never regret it. Perhaps it brought you pain and indeed even loneliness, but, it brought out the best in you.

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Nothing substantial really happens on the lovely road. It's all fun, entertainment and easy time, on the outside. But on the inside, there is emptiness, vanity and fleeting joys, and you end up really, really lonely. On the other hand, the lonely road leads to real meaning, contentment and peace. It's a difficult road, but it is the road that leads to self-worth, and a meaningful life. ***Okey nga road!***

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Those who are on the lonely road, must have a code that they can live by, namely the 4 Fors: FORget; FORgive; FORgo; and FOR God.

* * *

FORget what the world owes you and concentrate on what you owe the world. FORget who you are, and remember the big number of people around you. FORget your personal troubles and battles, and help out in the bigger and more real battles all around you.

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FORgive the wrongs this world ha done to you…FORgive people, their failures, their weaknesses, their incompetence. And learn to FORgive yourself too.

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FORgo those things that you can have, but should not. FORgo those that can give you momentary pleasures but in the end can harm you. FORgo because if you always go for it, you may end up a goner in the end.

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FOR God. Anything done and offered FOR God is never wasted nor gone. We are able to go through trials, undergo labor and hard work, criticism, and even persecution through Him, with Him, in Him. Yeah, all FOR GOD! Learn to offer and surrender for God. *Ipasa-Diyos mo na.*

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Do you want healing of your mind? Learn how to FORget. Do you want healing of your heart? Learn to FORgive. Do you want healing of your body? Learn to FORgo. And do you want, a total healing in your life? Learn to "FOR God" everything.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to forget, forgive, forgo, all for you whenever I am called to take the lonely road. Amen.

The Air Force starts its 'Second Act'

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

The '60s through the early '70s represented the heyday of the Philippine Air Force. We had in our inventory F-86 Sabrejets, T-33 jet trainers, SA-16 Albatross amphibious planes, F-27 Fokker transports, T-34 Mentors from Japan combined with T-28 Trojans for flight training purposes, plus a host of C-47 Gooney Birds and UH-1H helicopters. In 1965, the air fleet was strengthened with the acquisition of supersonic F-5 Freedom Fighter jets.

This diverse inventory of aircraft made us the envy of Southeast Asian air forces and allowed us participation in many air exercises with neighboring countries.

The pride of the Air Force was the famed Blue Diamonds aerial acrobatic team. Patterned after the US Air Force Thunderbirds, it was a precision aerial demonstration outfit which showcased the Filipino aviator's flying skills and discipline.

The founder of the Blue Diamonds was Capt. Jose "Pepot" Gonzales, one of the finest pilots ever produced by the PAF. A San Beda high school graduate, he joined the Flying School and earned his wings in 1951 finishing the course with the McMicking award for highest ratings in flying. The name "Blue Diamond" referred to the basic flight formation which was in the shape of a cut diamond along with the colors of the Air Force. Lt. Florendo Aquino Jr. is credited with coming up with the team's identity.

With the available air assets, we took part actively in peacekeeping as well as humanitarian missions.

One of the Air Force's finest hours, was the Philippine Mercy Mission to Bali, Indonesia. On March 17, 1965 Mt. Gunung Agung in Bali erupted causing widespread destruction and loss of life. The government responded by sending a medical mission composed of doctors, nurses, sanitary engineers, as well as a paramedic outfit. The mission was headed by Col. Jesus Azurin with seven PAF C-47 aircraft ferrying 20,000 pounds of medical supplies and relief goods.

In 1963, in response to a request from the United Nations for a peacekeeping contingent, President Diosdado Macapagal ordered the dispatch of an air squadron to the Congo. The mission was headed by my cousin, Col. Horacio Farolan while the unit itself was led by Lt. Col. Jose Rancudo.

The great majority of our air assets were acquired under the RP-US Military Assistance Program. This included provisions for maintenance, spare parts, fuel requirements as well as training of personnel in military installations overseas. Even in the best of times, I doubt if we could ever have acquired, on our own, the equipment and logistics that was made available to us through this program.

In 1991, the RP-US Bases Agreement was scrapped. This historic decision had repercussions reflected in the gradual decline in the operational status and readiness of our air fleet. Aircraft loses were not being replaced and aviation fuel was severely curtailed due to budgetary limitations.

By 1998, President Joseph Estrada was forced to use privately owned aircraft for his presidential sorties, the first time that the PAF had to give up this honored tradition. The head of the Presidential Airlift Wing was Brig. Gen. Chester Ebuen, son of the late Gen. Benito Ebuen, who died with President Ramon Magsaysay in the Mt. Manungal crash. A superstitious Erap relieved Ebuen from command fearing the same fate as Magsaysay. With the Air Force no longer able to transport its Commander in Chief, except for short hauls, it was clear the PAF was in for hard times.

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Last week, I was invited to speak before the Air Force retirees, part of the PAF anniversary celebrations.

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I mentioned to my fellow retirees a book I had just read entitled "Second Acts" by Stephen Pollan. As the name implies, it is about beginning a new life regardless of your age or stage in life. The book reminds us that second acts are never painless. They often require sacrifice and compromise and may take time but a little pain, a little fear often lead to great rewards.

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In her remarks at the PAF anniversary rites last Wednesday, President Macapagal-Arroyo noted that the PAF was 56 years old. She observed that 56 was the normal retirement age for AFP officers but in the case of the PAF, at age 56, it was just beginning to enjoy a "second wind" as she rattled off some of the gains from her last trip to the United States—thirty helicopters programmed for delivery in the months ahead. This would provide greater mobility for our troops as well as additional close air support. She also mentioned the acquisition from Thailand of 10 OV-10 "Bronco" strike planes which should boost the firepower in support of ground units. In addition, the Commander in Chief disclosed the planned purchase of 20 helicopters which should greatly increase the size of our helicopter fleet.

Just as encouraging was the report of Lt. Gen. Nestor Santillan, PAF commanding general, of the recovery of some 14 aircraft during the past months. As explained to me by a young maintenance officer, Capt. Teoderico Valdez, "Recovery" means making operational an aircraft utilizing parts of other planes which are already grounded, along with spare parts in stock.

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The helicopter is the type of aircraft needed by the Armed Forces in its campaign against the MILF or the communist terrorists. Nothing gives our foot soldiers more confidence than close air support and the assurance of rescue or of medical evacuation by air units. In civic action work, the helicopter is also a workhorse, invaluable in providing relief assistance during times of emergency.

The days of aerial dogfights are long gone. The threat lurks from within. Our resources are limited. That is the reality we face today.

Abanse! Pinay makes it

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

EVEN before the Supreme Court decision came out, the women of Abanse! Pinay had already decided to pursue the goal of mainstreaming women in politics by participating in the 2004 elections. This despite the odds and despite the fact—or so we thought—that the party had not garnered the necessary 2 percent of party-list votes to claim a seat in the House of Representatives.

Well, guess what. Friday last week, it was announced that the Supreme Court had decided with finality the issues bedeviling the 2001 party-list polls.

After the Supreme Court laid down guidelines strictly defining the groups and sectors that could legally participate in the elections as part of the party-list system, the Commission on Elections had to weed through the list of more than a hundred registered party-list groups. Most of the party-lists identified with or indeed, bearing the name of, political parties were struck out, following the Supreme Court guidelines. So were groups that were proven to have received government funds or support, as well as those found to not represent truly marginalized sectors. Of the original list, only 46 registered party-list groups now remain, one of which is Abanse! Pinay.

A more problematic issue was what to do with the votes garnered by groups that were eventually struck from the list. If these votes were to be considered "stray" votes, then it would cut the number of votes required to reach the 2 percent minimum, thereby allowing more parties to gain seats in the House.

Though one of the parties that had won earlier petitioned the high court not to void the votes won by de-registered parties, the latest Supreme Court decision effectively struck down that petition and allowed the Comelec to recompute the 2 percent required minimum. And that is how Abanse! Pinay will now be able to take a seat in the House, since it's been determined to have won 2.06 percent of the votes cast for the party list.

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THOUGH there's hardly a year left in the term of Abanse! Pinay representative Pat Sarenas, the inclusion of the women's party-list group is still a very much welcome development.

Though the congresswomen have worked exceptionally hard on legislation that address gender and women's concerns, the latest of which has been the recently signed Anti-Trafficking Law, there's still need for a representative who considers women her primary constituency, and the articulation and championing of gender issues in law and policy as her prime area of concern.

At a lunch hosted by Akbayan Party-list Rep. Etta Rosales for the new party-list groups and representatives, she also welcomed the additions to the party-list ranks, outlining initiatives that had been taken by the Party-list Caucus, especially on concerns like human rights, including reproductive rights, the environment and structural reforms.

The party-list system was viewed at its inception as a means of breaking the lock that vested interests and the political elite enjoyed over the political system by allowing marginalized sectors and non-traditional politicians to play a role in law- and policy-making. The Supreme Court's judicial record on the party-list system upholds the bias for those traditionally cast out of the political system. The entry of even more genuine party-list groups into the House of Representatives can only mean a more democratic and truly representative legislature.

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FILIPINOS who didn't live through the dark years of Martial Law will find it difficult to comprehend why the death of Bishop Antonio Fortich deserved front-page treatment and extended encomiums.

These days, it's almost expected that priests and bishops speak out on social concerns and express what the Church calls "a preferential option for the poor." But in the years just before and during martial law, a bishop speaking for the poor against the rich and the powerful was not only unusual, but even subversive. And that is how "Kumander Tony," a term of derision referring to his allegedly close ties to communist insurgents, became not just controversial but a real threat to the establishment in his diocese of Bacolod.

It would be difficult to appreciate the legacy of Bishop Fortich without understanding his milieu. Bacolod and Negros Occidental in the years before martial law was the very bastion of feudalism in the country, a province devoted to a single crop—sugar cane—and lorded over by a few wealthy clans whose lifestyles in their huge haciendas rivaled those of European royalty.

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BENEATH the gilded façade, though, lurked poverty and degradation so massive it approached scandalous proportions. It was up to Bishop Fortich, along with a crop of courageous priests and young activists, among them the children of the very elite he challenged, to expose the corrupt underbelly of the hacienda society. It was he who first called attention to the plight of the sacadas, seasonal laborers who labored in the sugar cane fields in slave-like conditions. And it was he who, when the insurgency flared up in Negros, dared to stand up to the power of the dictatorship and denounced militarization and human rights abuses.

It had never been easy being "Kumander Tony," and it's believed that it was precisely his outspokenness and refusal to tolerate any form of injustice that isolated him from the powers-that-be in the Vatican. But if Bacolod and Negros Occidental today is a more just and democratic society, a large part of the change is due to Bishop Fortich, spokesman and champion of the poor.

Land invasions

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IN MANY parts of the country today, both in the cities and in the countryside, syndicated groups, armed with fake land titles and with huge doses of underdog righteousness, are invading large tracts of public and privately owned land. They swoop in overnight, putting up instant shanties on bare land, bringing in families from nowhere, and giving the seized territory the look of a settled community. The longer they are allowed to occupy the land without being questioned by the authorities, the deeper they dig in, and the more aggressively they defend the property.

Most of the settlers come from the genuinely poor and land-hungry sectors of our society, but their leaders do not. The latter are veterans in the land-grabbing business. They are typically well-connected racketeers who know which properties are idle, which lands have disputed titles, and which owners are vulnerable or too weak to fight. They are often in cahoots with local officials, and with unscrupulous functionaries at the land registration office.

For a small amount of money, to be paid over a certain period, landless peasants and homeless urban poor families are assigned home lots in these illegally occupied lands. Their pressing needs become the moral cover for the nefarious activities of the syndicates. Their fragile homes and malnourished children serve as the public face of what is at bottom a well-organized crime. Politicians dance carefully around them because of the votes they represent. The mass media hold them up as emblems of an unequal society, oblivious to the white-collar criminals that prey upon them.

Time confers upon them "rights" to these occupied lands, which they often sell to second and third generation buyers. They know the risks they take in occupying what is obviously not uninhabited frontier land. Yet they persist, hanging on to the likelihood that the legitimate owners, just to avoid protracted disputes, may offer them a compromise that assigns them one corner of the property in exchange for vacating the remainder of the squatted land.

Early this year, the University of the Philippines in Diliman fell victim to such massive and coordinated land occupation. On a quiet weekend in February, about 200 people descended on the 77-hectare north side portion of the campus along Commonwealth Avenue known to UP students and alumni as the Arboretum. This part of the campus is dominated by the quaint egg-shaped experimental nuclear reactor rising above a patch of forest. The invaders put up shanties and tents along Commonwealth Avenue and pronounced ownership over 54 hectares of the campus.

The settlers, many of them Muslim refugees from strife-torn Mindanao, claimed they had bought their home lots from a certain Abdul Raof Dimaporo. Dimaporo in turn says he bought the property in January 2003 from a Luis Menor, a former security guard in the university. Menor's claim to the property is based on a Spanish title that he says he bought from Antonio Pael. The Supreme Court has long declared this title spurious.

It is a testimony to the anarchic character of land registration in the country that such spurious documents continue to command attention from anyone at all. The ex-security guard, Menor, had first sold the UP Arboretum to Jorge Chin and Renato Mallari, who somehow managed to register the land in their names. But their alleged failure to complete the payment to Menor prompted the latter to turn around and sell half of the same property to Dimaporo. Dimaporo, in turn, was able to persuade a Quezon City judge to issue a temporary restraining order against Chin and Mallari, who tried to evict them. Incredible! They were all doing business with fake titles, behind the back of a university that was ready to enforce its rights only through legitimate means.

By the time UP could persuade the Quezon City government and the Philippine National Police to lend a helping hand, the largely Muslim community had grown to more than 2000 people. They had put up about 300 structures, including the shell of a mosque, and several permanent houses made of concrete and steel. The other day, a demolition team came in to clear the area. Fearing violence, the UP administration sought the intervention of respected Islamic leaders. The war against Muslim rebels in Mindanao, and the resentments this induced, had given the situation at the Arboretum a volatility that UP wished to diffuse.

Luckily, violence was avoided. Now, UP has to hire more security guards to protect the area against future intrusions. This is an unwelcome burden to an institution that is already reeling from the impact of annual budgetary cuts. The University of the Philippines has already lost large sections of its campus to illegal settlers. Unable to fence and protect its land area, it has been forced to permit other government offices and quasi-government agencies to build on its land to stop further encroachment by squatters. Lack of resources prevents the university from building essential structures like laboratories, classrooms, research centers, and faculty offices.

As state subsidy to public education declines, the pressure for the UP to generate its own income through joint ventures with the private sector increases. This is a trend that is occurring almost everywhere. Against the voices of those who desperately seek to protect the purity of learning from the contamination of commerce, the university is faced with no choice but to augment the public subsidy it gets with income from other sources. It's either that or it risks losing the campus to land invaders.

Multi-billion dollar suit vs luxury liner

COMMENTARY

Raul J. Palabrica

HOW much does the life of a Filipino cost?

If we go by recent court decisions on damages awarded to homicide victims, it's P21,000, more or less. Sometimes additional monetary benefits are granted depending on the age and earning capacity of the victim and the circumstances surrounding his death.

For the five Filipinos who died and five others who were injured in the May 25 boiler explosion at the SS Norway luxury liner in Miami, Florida, the price tag is not less than $1 billion. Their American lawyers have filed a $10 billion damage suit against the owners of the ill-fated ship before a Miami court that has jurisdiction over the port where the liner was berthed at the time of the incident.

Using today's exchange rate of P53 to one dollar, the monetary compensation being sought translates roughly to P530 billion! To give you an idea of the magnitude of this amount, bear in mind that the national budget of the Philippines in 2002 was P575 billion.

Substantial the reparations demanded may seem, the families of the victims will no doubt rather have their loved ones alive or in one piece than buried six feet under the ground or stuck in hospital beds to recuperate from their injuries. And even if those who survived the blast are eventually healed, there is no assurance that they will be able to lead normal lives again.

It is not surprising that a law office in the United States quickly offered its services to the victims even before the authorities have completed their investigation into the incident. Lawyers who specialize in personal injury cases (a field of practice that is considered now the most lucrative in that country) seem to have a sixth sense for potentially profitable cases.

Contingency basis

No different from the "ambulance chasers" of yesteryears, these lawyers check the local newspapers and monitor radio and television broadcasts every day for news about accidents that may provide the opportunity to file damage suits against parties at fault. Some of these lawyers have no qualms about signing on the victims or their relatives as clients while they are being wheeled into the operating room or even before the families have regained their composure from the sudden loss of a loved one.

It's a cinch the lawyers of the victims in the boiler explosion took on the case on a "contingency basis." Meaning, the lawyers advanced the money for the filing of the suit, gathering of evidence, preparation of the witnesses and all other necessary court processes in exchange for a share, after deducting their expenses, of whatever damages may be awarded to their clients. The share (which ranges from a low of 50 percent to a high of 85 percent) is usually on top of the attorney's fees that may be separately given by the court.

Considering the victim's poor financial condition, the victims cannot be faulted for accepting the offer of legal assistance by the American lawyers. The damage suit gives some hope to the victims that they might be able to get more than the monetary benefits that they may be entitled to under the insurance coverage of the luxury liner.

But the problem with personal injury cases that are prosecuted on "contingency basis" is it's the lawyer, not the suffering party, who often gets the Lion's share of the damages awarded by the courts. The usual way for the lawyer to get a bigger slice of the money pie is by padding the expenses the client is obliged to reimburse first before he can enjoy the monetary award.

Expenses

How can the clients know that the expenses being claimed by their lawyers are legitimate and not imaginary? Unless the clients engage the services of a private investigator to verify the accuracy of the costs supposedly incurred, they have no choice but take the lawyers' word at its face value.

This writer has seen how an American law firm tried to pull a fast one on a Philippine client by asking for the reimbursement of expenses such as, parking fees of lawyers, cost of take out food bought by secretaries doing overtime work and purchase of a book that gives additional information on a legal issue.

The law office withdrew the claim for reimbursement after it was pointed out that parking fees are expenses that the lawyers will incur even if they did not take on the client's case, the food expenses of their staff are the responsibility of the lawyers, and the book in question is no different from the hammer that a carpenter should have if he wants to do his work properly. Local lawyers who deal in cross-border transactions can attest that the incident described above is not isolated.

It is doubtful if the multi-billion dollar damage claim will prosper. While the lives and limbs of the victims are priceless, their valuation for purposes of compensation has to be more realistic. It is seldom that US courts award more than $1 million in personal injury cases resulting from industrial accidents.

Assistance

Whatever may be the rightful recompense, the victims cannot be left to their own device in seeking financial redress from their employer. They will be fair game to the shrewd and smooth talking personal injury lawyers.

The lawyers did not take on the case because they have a natural love for Filipinos or have a soft spot for victims of industrial mishaps. They took on the case in the expectation that they can earn a lot of money from suing the owners of the luxury liner.

In multi-racial Florida, jury panels have a reputation of going for the "poor and underprivileged" when the latter sue Big Business for perceived hurts and injustices.

Unfamiliar with the workings of the American judicial system, the victims will not know whether the offer of settlement that will surely be offered to them by the ship operator will redound to their best interests or merely fatten the wallets of the lawyers. Even Filipino lawyers are confused by American legalese.

The possibility of the victims becoming hapless pawns in the court action against the luxury liner is real. This early, the Department of Foreign Affairs or Overseas Workers Welfare Administration should step into the picture to make sure the rights of the victims are protected. The victims have had more than their share of misfortune in life already.

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Should priests be celibate?

VATICAN continues to believe that priests must remain celibate or unmarried so they could become effective ministers of God.

Pope John Paul II says that celibacy is "a sign of God's love for this world, as well as a sign of the priest's undivided love for God and for his people."

He says that "celibacy is not merely an ecclesiastical discipline imposed by authority; rather it is first and foremost a grace, a priceless gift of God for his Church."

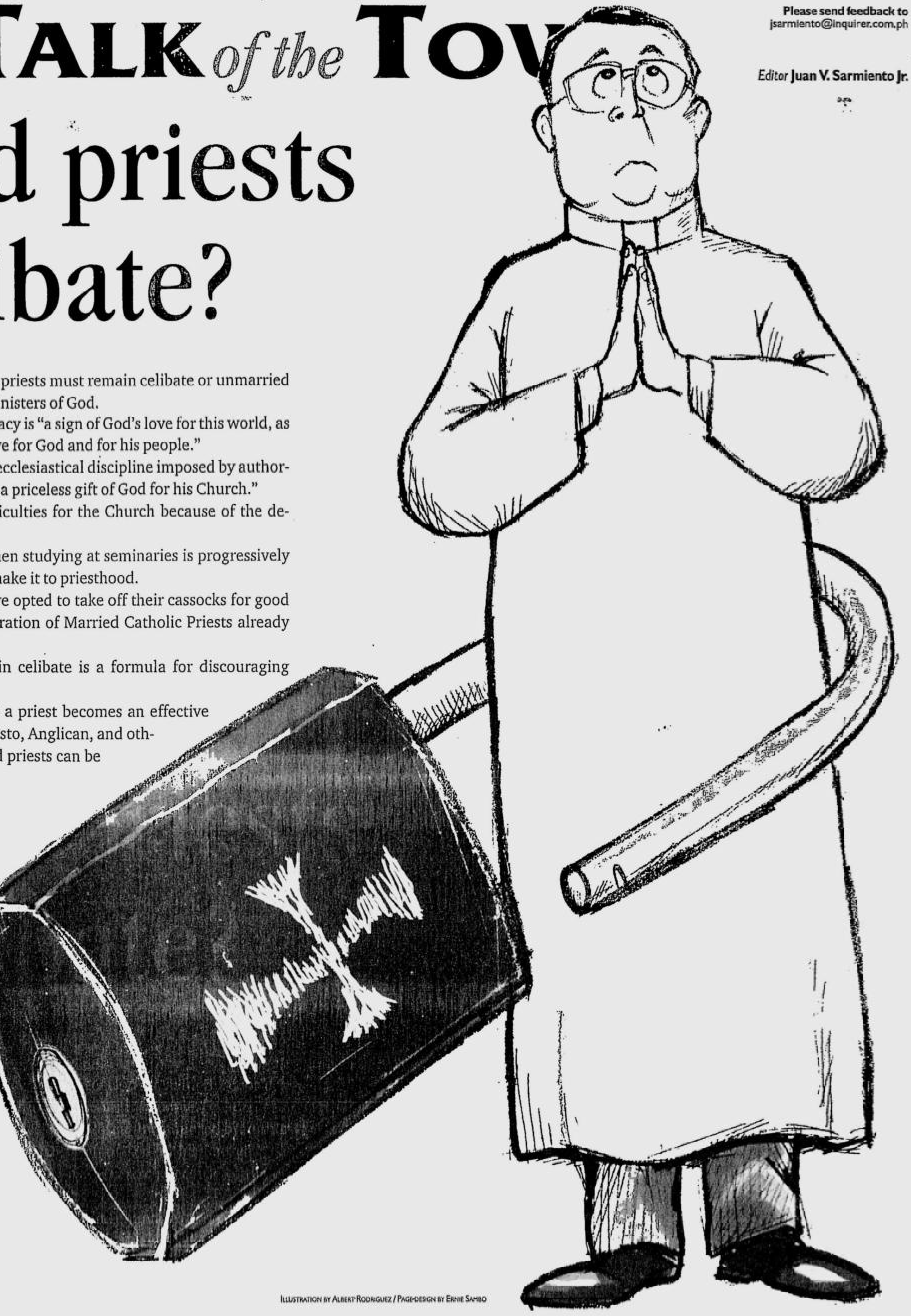
But he admits that celibacy poses difficulties for the Church because of the decreasing numbers of priests.

In the country, the number of young men studying at seminaries is progressively dwindling. Fewer still are the men who make it to priesthood.

Some of those who became priests have opted to take off their cassocks for good by getting married. The Philippine Federation of Married Catholic Priests already counts at least 150 active members.

Vatican's insistence that priests remain celibate is a formula for discouraging young men from joining the priesthood.

Celibacy, in fact, does not ensure that a priest becomes an effective minister. The practice of the Iglesia ni Cristo, Anglican, and other Christian churches shows that married priests can be successful in their ministry.



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'Married life requires total commitment'

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CELIBACY helps make a priest an effective minister because he is not hampered by considerations other than tending to the people of God in the parish, or any community of his assignment.

Celibate priesthood allows a priest to be total in his commitment. If he is married he will be bothered by two equally big vocations. Married life requires total commitment. Priesthood also demands total commitment. If both priesthood and marriage are being assumed by an ordained priest chances are he would overemphasize one and neglect the other.

If we permit priests to marry, then the seminarians early in their formation would be free to visit girls and court them openly without sanctions. They would even compete with lay males in courting girls of their choice. These girls would also find freedom in visiting their boyfriend seminarians while in the seminary formation. When that happens, the seminaries all over the world would become places or training grounds for people preparing for marriage and priesthood at the same time.

When the priest is married and has a family, who will prevent him, his family and relatives from demanding ownership of Church properties, which belong to the Church inviolably. Who will now have control over these properties? Today, when priests are unmarried, many Church antiques and treasures have been lost. How much more when the priest has a family and children to raise and support?

Jokingly, I would say that celibate priesthood helps family planning. Celibacy maybe discouraging to some with no inclination to become priests. But for those who have the vocation this is even more of a challenge.

'For Christ, it does not matter whether the priest is married or not'

By Ramon B. Agapay
Humanities teacher

THE CHURCH has always regarded the world as a source of contamination. Thus, she enjoins priests to be "in this world but not of this world." Priests may not adapt to the ways and customs of the world, because the world is sinful and priests must be holy. This view misses something. How can falling in love be sinful? How can the natural act of fathering a child be wrong in itself?

Matrimony is a sacrament of the Church. It is also sacred, because it was instituted by God Himself for the noble purpose of propagating the human race and for mutual support and sanctification of the spouses. On other hand, celibacy is simply the human initiative to stay unmarried, either because one is afraid of responsibilities, or because one is preoccupied with some artistic, scientific, or religious goals.

In other words, celibacy does not count in itself unless it is dedicated toward the attainment of a noble objective. As it happens, many celibate priests busy themselves with mundane concerns other than the sanctification of souls. For St. Paul, the Apostle, celibacy gave him the freedom to preach the Gospels and to risk his life. But he would not make celibacy compulsory for everyone, because, in his words, "I do not wish to lay traps for you but to lead you to a beautiful life, and to be entirely united to the Lord." (I Cor. 7:35)

As feared by St. Paul, clerical celibacy as a law has become a trap. To be sure, the law does not cause the sex scandals of priest. But it proves how a law does not make a person clean. For Christ, it is all in the heart. This is why Christ rebuked the Pharisees for their scrupulous insistence on the external observance of the law (Mt. 15:19-20).

We have celibate priests. But perhaps what we need are chaste priests. Chastity is a virtue and is a refinement of the soul. Chastity is a reality for both the married and the unmarried individual.

The real scandal that surfaced in the wake of recent events, particularly in the United States, is the attempt of church leaders to hide the sins, and even crimes, of priests. On the other hand, it seems so cruel for the Church to exclude from the sacraments a priest, including his wife and children, for breaking his celibate vows without papal dispensation. On these grounds, the Church fails in her mission of loving and sanctifying all men.

In the apostolic times, there were both married and unmarried priests. The tradition continues in the Eastern Churches where Pope Paul VI says "there are married priests of the highest merit." The practice of the Anglican and other Christian churches show how married priests could be as successful in their ministry.

Except for John, all the Apostles were married men. For Christ, it does not matter whether the priest is married or not. For Him, it is all in the heart.

(The writer is a diocesan priest. He applied for and was granted papal dispensation by Pope Paul VI. He is the father of four and his wife, whom he met after leaving the ministry, teaches in a Catholic High School.)

'Celibacy is a sign of the priest's undivided love for God and for his people'

By Pope John Paul II

IN A SPECIAL way priests are called by virtue of their ministry to celebrate, teach and serve the Gospel of hope. Through the Sacrament of Orders which configures them to Christ the Head and Shepherd, bishops and priests must conform their whole life and all their activity to Jesus.

By the preaching of the word, the celebration of the sacraments and their leadership of the Christian community, they make present the mystery of Christ, and in the exercise of their ministry "they are called to prolong the presence of Christ, the One High Priest, embodying his way of life and making him visible in the midst of the flock entrusted to their care."

As men who are "in" the world yet not "of" the world (cf. Jn 17:15-16), priests are called in Europe's present cultural and spiritual situation to be a sign of contradiction and of hope for a society suffering from "horizontalism" and in need of openness to the Transcendent.

In this context priestly celibacy also stands out as the sign of hope put totally in the Lord. Celibacy is not merely an ecclesiastical discipline imposed by authority; rather it is first and foremost a grace, a priceless gift of God for his Church, a prophetic value for the contemporary world, a source of intense spiritual life and pastoral fruitfulness, a witness to the eschatological Kingdom, a sign of God's love for this world, as well as a sign of the priest's undivided love for God and for his people.

Lived in response to God's gift and as a mastery of the temptations of a hedonistic society, it not only leads to the human fulfillment of those who are called to embrace it, but proves to be a source of growth for others as well.

Celibacy is esteemed in the whole Church as fitting for the priesthood, obligatory in the Latin Church and deeply respected by the Eastern Churches. In the present cultural context, it stands out as an eloquent sign, which needs to be cherished as a precious good for the Church. A revision of the present discipline in this regard would not help to resolve the crisis of vocations to the priesthood being felt in many parts of Europe.

A commitment to the service of the Gospel of hope also demands that the Church make every effort to propose celibacy in its full biblical, theological and spiritual richness.

We cannot fail to see that the exercise of the sacred ministry today is fraught with many difficulties on account of the prevailing culture and the lessened numbers of priests, together with the increase of pastoral responsibilities and the fatigue which this can involve. Consequently, all the more esteem, gratitude and support are due to those priests who carry out with praiseworthy dedication and fidelity the ministry, which they have received.

To these priests, making my own the words of the Synod Fathers, I also wish to offer, with confidence and gratitude, my own encouragement: "Do not lose heart and do not allow yourselves to be overcome with weariness! In full communion with us bishops, persevere in your invaluable and indispensable ministry in joyful fraternity with your brother priests, in generous collaboration with those in consecrated life and with all the lay faithful."

(Excerpt from the Pope's post-synodal apostolic exhortation Ecclesia in Europa)

48 die in suicide attack on mosque in Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan—Three terrorists, including two suicide bombers, carried out the deadly attack on a Muslim Shiite mosque in southwestern Quetta city, the government said Saturday as the death toll rose to 48.

"Two of the attackers blew themselves (up) with bombs attached to their bodies," the Baluchistan provincial government said in a press note.

The third attacker was wounded and died later in hospital, head of the federal interior ministry's National Crises Management Cell, Brig. Javed Cheema said.

The country's well-known humanitarian organization, Edhi Welfare Trust, said four people died in hospital overnight of wounds suffered in the mosque attack Friday afternoon.

The attack triggered violent unrest, forcing the government to impose indefinite curfew and deploy troops to quell the unrest.

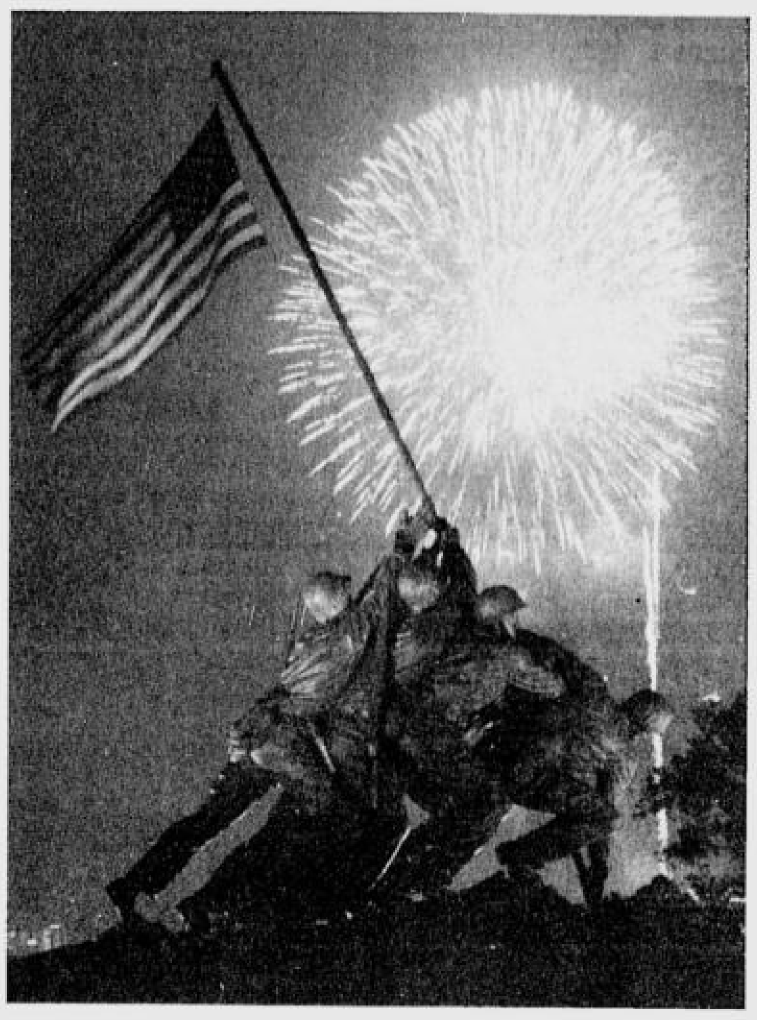
"Four more people have died in the hospital raising the death roll to 48," Edhi's Quetta supervisor Naeem Ahmed said.

Ahmed said the dead included 45 worshippers and three attackers. Forty injured were still under treatment at the Combined military hospital and five of them were in serious conditions.

However, Information Minister Sheikh Rashid said 36 people died and 52 were injured in the one of the worst incidents of suspected sectarian terrorism in the country.

The city of nearly 1.5 million people, a mix of ethnic Pashtuns and Baluch residents as well as minority Shiite Hazara community members, remained under curfew for the second day with the streets deserted except for military and paramilitary troops in machine-gun mounted military trucks.

President Pervez Musharraf spoke at length about the tragic incident at an airport press conference on his return from a 20-day tour of the United Kingdom, United States, Germany and France during which he said he tried to project the correct image of Pakistan and Islam and sought to attract foreign investment. *AFP*



FIREWORKS explode over the Iwo Jima memorial in Washington D.C in the evening of July 4. Tens of thousands around the Washington Mall celebrated Independence Day with a traditional fireworks show. REUTERS

Bush vows preemptive attacks vs enemies

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio—President George W. Bush said on Friday the United States is still at war and vowed to attack any "terrorist group or outlaw regime" that threatens the United States with mass murder.

Bush's tough message came as he marked the July 4 Independence Day holiday with a flag-waving speech before 25,000 or so military personnel and families at a base where Orville and Wilbur Wright's invention of the first flying machine 100 years ago is being celebrated.

"The United States will not stand by and wait for another attack or trust in the restraint and good intentions of evil men," Bush said on a sun-scorched day in the US heartland.

"We are on the offensive against terrorists and all who support them. We will not permit any terrorist group or outlaw regime to threaten us with weapons of mass murder. We will act, whenever it is necessary, to protect the lives and the liberty of the American people," he said.

A giant American flag provided the backdrop for Bush on a makeshift stage set up on a base airfield. It was flanked by bomber, fighter and attack aircraft including a B-1 bomber and a Stealth F-117 fighter.

Bush did not refer directly to the situation in Iraq or the daily attacks on US forces struggling to bring stability there after the ouster of Saddam Hussein and the fall of Baghdad.

Hostile fire has killed 26 US soldiers in Iraq since Bush declared major combat on May 1. Washington has accused Saddam loyalists of launching the attacks. *Reuters*

Witnesses say 70 slain in May 30 Burma violence

BANGKOK—Two Burma pro-democracy activists who witnessed the May 30 riots that triggered opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi's detention Friday described a savage scene that left some 70 people dead.

The men said they fled for their lives after the violence, eventually finding their way into Thailand to give the first direct account of the attack mounted by thousands of members of a pro-junta gang, some disguised as monks.

In sworn affidavits, the two members of Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) said they witnessed a brutal attack on her convoy as she carried out a political tour of northern Burma.

They said the attackers who were crazed with drink and drugs used rods to smash their way into Aung San Suu Kyi's car and that she only escaped a beating because she did not emerge from the vehicle, which was later able to speed off.

NLD vice chair Tin Oo who was traveling in another vehicle was wounded in the head, and women in a third vehicle were dragged out, stripped and bashed, said NLD youth wing member Wunna Maung.

"I saw the attackers jump onto them and wrapped the hair around their heads and pounded the heads against the stone surface of the road, with all their force," he said.

"From my mind, I still cannot get rid of the sight of people, covered in blood, being beaten mercilessly and inhumanly."

The other escapee, Khin Zaw, who was a senior NLD member in northern Burma, said some 3,000 attackers used iron bars, bamboo sticks and bats to attack Suu Kyi's supporters.

"I was hearing the wounded, dying victims moaning and wailing in pain, shrieking in agony and crying out for help... Truly, it was a murderous attack. The beating was done until the victims died," he said.

The two men had planned to reveal their account of the violence in a press conference here but it was cancelled due to fears they would be arrested amid a crackdown on Burma dissidents living in Thailand.

After testifying before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee they instead went directly to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) office in Bangkok to apply for refugee status, said committee adviser Sunai Phasuk.

"Naturally they entered into Thailand without documents so they could automatically be charged with illegal entry into Thailand. Under Thai law they could be deported back into Burma immediately," he said. *AFP*

BARRY WHITE; 58

US soul singer Barry "The Maestro of Love" White singing at the Printemps de Bourges festival April 5, 1988. White died July 4 in hospital in Los Angeles of kidney failure at the age of 58. AFP

Rock concert blasts kill 18 in Moscow

MOSCOW—A series of suicide-bomber blasts roared out near a giant rock festival in suburban Moscow on Saturday, killing at least 16 people and two bombers, Russia's interior minister said.

The festival at the Tushino airfield in northwest Moscow was packed with up to 40,000 spectators when the first blast went off.

One of the blasts tore off people's clothing and sent garbage flying through the air, said spectator Alexander Yefimov.

Interior Minister Boris Gryzlov said suspicion pointed to Chechen rebels. News reports said a passport found at the bombing site belonged to a Chechen woman.

Moscow police spokesperson Pavel Klimovsky said the blasts were set off by two suicide bombers who were both killed. There were three blasts in all, but the third apparently was unexploded remnants from one of the earlier explosions, officials said. *AP*

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Liberia's Taylor agrees to leave

MONROVIA—Liberian President Charles Taylor, under US pressure to quit, said on Friday he had agreed to step down but urged the world to send peacekeepers to prevent chaos in the aftermath.

US President George W. Bush was encouraged by Taylor's words and has told the Pentagon to send experts to West Africa to discuss with the United Nations and other countries in the region how to achieve stability in Liberia, a spokesperson said.

A senior Nigerian official said former warlord Taylor, suspected of instigating a tangle of West African conflicts and hunted by a war crimes court in Sierra Leone, had accepted an offer of asylum.

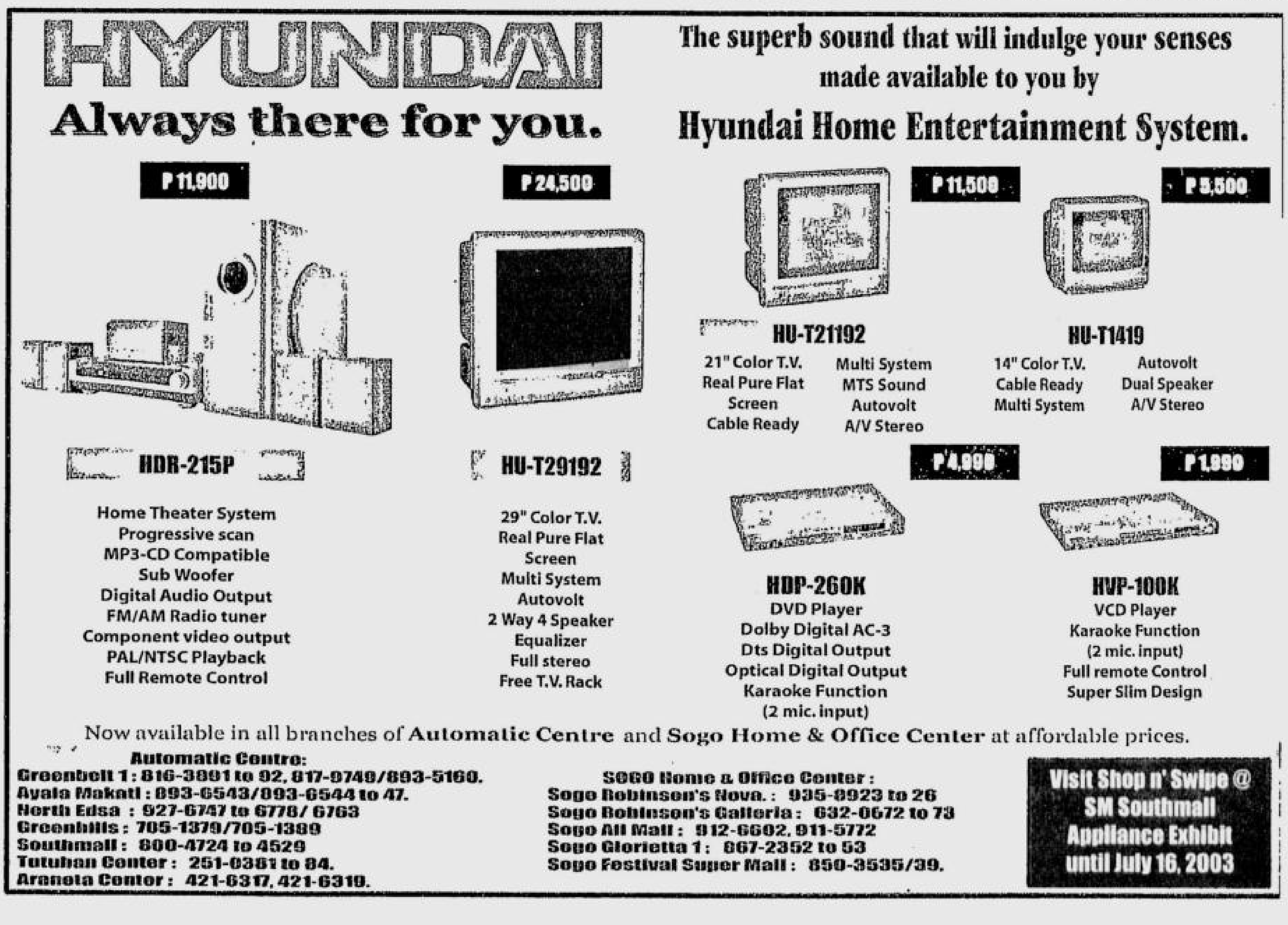
Taylor's departure has been called essential for peace by Bush, who visits Africa next week and is mulling the possibility of sending hundreds of troops to help end nearly 14 years of non-stop violence in Liberia.

"The important thing here is for international peacekeepers to come to Liberia as quickly as possible to take charge of the situation if I am going to step down," Taylor told reporters outside the presidential mansion, warning that if they did not it "could be extremely chaotic."

West African military chiefs meeting in Ghana pledged 3,000 troops from the region and said they also hoped for contributions from the United States, South Africa and Morocco.

They want a total peacekeeping force of at least 5,000.

Bush's spokesperson said the US president was encouraged by Taylor's offer to go. *Reuters*



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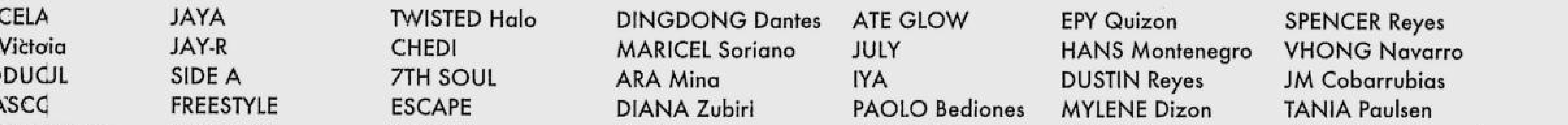

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Ex-mayor tagged in mayor's slay

TAYUG, Pangasinan—A former mayor of this town was tagged by the police and military as a suspect behind the June 22 murder of Mayor Guerrero Zaragoza.

Senior Supt. Mario Sandiego, Pangasinan police director, said there is a "possibility" that former Mayor Marius Ladio asked the help of the New People's Army in killing Zaragoza.

Ladio lost to Zaragoza in the 2001 elections.

Earlier police reports blamed the NPA for the early morning attack that also killed cockpit caretaker Wilfredo Hidalgo and wounded seven others.

However, the NPA had not claimed responsibility for the killing.

Col. Jovenal Narcise, commander of the Army's 702nd Infantry Brigade, said Ladio, an activist before he went into politics, reportedly joined the NPA in March or a month after the Sandiganbayan issued an arrest warrant against him for an estafa case filed by Zaragoza.

"He (Ladio) is presently an active regular member of the (NPA's) Nueva Ecija provincial party committee," Narcise said in a report to Maj. Gen. Alberto Braganza, chief of the Army's 7th Infantry Division.

While Ladio was mayor from 1998 to 2001, Zaragoza, who preceded Ladio as mayor, filed several cases against him, including the estafa case filed before the Sandiganbayan.

Supt. Rayland Malenab, the provincial police intelligence officer, said Ladio has eluded arrest.

Malenab, however, clarified that there was no strong evidence to directly link Ladio to Zaragoza's murder.

Ladio and his family left Tayug shortly after the 2001 elections. The Commission on Elections declared the town an election hot spot in 2001 due to the political rivalry between Zaragoza and Ladio. In the mayoral contest, Zaragoza edged Ladio by about 400 votes.

Chief Insp. Ricardo Revita, chief of the 107th Police Mobile Group based in Tayug, said Ladio's name cropped up as a suspect during a meeting with police officials of Nueva Ecija, two days after Zaragoza was killed.

"We tried to determine Ladio's participation in the killing, and most probably it was providing the information about the alleged atrocities of Zaragoza. But definitely, Ladio was not in the crime scene," Revita said.

He said their reports indicated that Ladio was last seen in Lupao, Nueva Ecija, last year while meeting with the "legal team" of the NPA.

Ladio was never seen in Tayug since then and has sold all his properties in the town, Revita added. He also has no more close relatives living in the town.

Police said the NPA was planning to kill Zaragoza after the group accused the official of ordering the murder of several people.

A document recovered by the police after an encounter with the rebels in November last year revealed the plot, reports said. *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau, and Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Countdown for Justice

WAPILE

IT IS exactly 419 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

American serviceman changes Fil-Am girl's life

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

ANGELES CITY—Clutching 50 bouquets of white and red roses, Myralee Perrine made the rounds of big bars and nightclubs on this city's Fields Avenue on Thursday night.

A flower vendor, the 34-year-old Perrine is known here as the "Rose Lady." This was unusual for an Amerasian like her.

For lack of options, many children sired and abandoned by their American servicemen-fathers sweat it out on Fields Avenue as dancers, entertainers or, as the city government labels them, commercial sex workers.

But Perrine chose to take a different path.

A US Air Force man assigned in nearby Clark Air Base showed her she did have options in life.

Perrine, then 8, met the American while she was tending to her mother's barbecue stall.

Bubble gum

"Hi, little girl. Do you want to sell bubble gum?" he asked her. The child nodded to the stranger who gave her some small bills from his pocket. Money in hand, she ran to the nearest grocery, went back to the stall and laid out a box of chewing gum before passersby.

Back then in the early '80s, Perrine recalled, Fields Avenue brimmed with clients, mostly servicemen. "My goods were gone in no time," Perrine said.

On days when a few soldiers went on liberty (a time for their own brand of rest and recreation), her American friend bought the gums himself.

"What I earned I gave back to my mother and she saved the money for our small flower vending business," Perrine said.

At 11, she began selling roses at night while she studied by day. Her mother Lydia always accompanied her.

"There's just the two of us," said Lydia, who never remarried after her American husband, a US Air Force technical sergeant, left her.

It is Lydia, according to Perrine, who hammers to her the values of hard work and decent labor.

Her American friend left before Clark was ordered closed by the government in 1991.

Daddy

Until now, she does not know the name of the American whose kindness changed her life. "I simply called him Daddy," Perrine said, regretting she never got to know at least his name.

"I may have lost an American father, but briefly, I had a father of sorts in that kind American," she said. She last met her own father when she was 11 years old. The meeting, she said, was ordinary.

"He came all the way from the US and he just asked me how I was and I said I'm fine. Then he left again, gone for good," she said. The last thing she knew of her father was that he had died in the US.

Lydia, now 57, put most of the income on her child's education. With help from the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Perrine finished a degree at the Angeles University Foundation.

SHELTER FOR THE WAR-TORN DENNIS JAY SANTOS
The government has built these core houses for displaced families of war in Bago Inged, Pikit, North Cotabato but the families opted to stay longer in the evacuation centers due to uncertainties in their security and their economic prospects in the area.

308 farmers installed in Negros lands

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—A festive and emotional atmosphere prevailed during the installation Friday of 308 farmer beneficiaries on about 600 hectares of farmlands in Pontevedra, Negros Occidental.

The installation, led by Agrarian Reform Secretary Roberto Pagdanganan and witnessed by Pontevedra Mayor Jose Benito Alonzo, came after years of dispute over the disposition of the property among the beneficiaries.

Farmer beneficiaries belonging to three warring groups held hands and hugged each other as a sign of their covenant of peace. Some shed tears in disbelief at having been installed on the once restive Haciendas Camenchika and Carmen Grande here.

The lands were formerly owned by the heirs of the late sugar baron Roberto Benedicto.

Of the 308 farmer beneficiaries, 79 were installed on the 236.60-hectare Hacienda Carmen Grande. The rest were installed in Hda. Carmenchika that was previously contested by the Ugnayan ng mga Magsasakang Agraryo, Task Force Mapalad, the Workers Amalgamated Union of the Philippines (Waup), and those with no affiliation.

Pagdanganan, who was accompanied by DAR undersecretaries Rolando Mangulabnan and Teddy Rivera and other local agrarian reform officers, yesterday challenged farmer beneficiaries to work together and make the land productive.

Former landowner Kitchie Benedicto-Paulino said Pagdanganan's sincerity in helping the farmers increase their income and quality of life convinced her to award her land to the farmers.

She also gave to 64 of the beneficiaries the crops planted in the areas awarded to them.

Benedicto called on the warring groups to work as brothers and sisters and forget their past grudges.

"Love this farm as my late father (Roberto Benedicto) loved it," she added.

She said she hoped that Pagdanganan would approve her joint venture agreement with Waup because she wants to help the people and does not want to see them suffer from hunger.

Pagdanganan said he was glad about Benedicto-Paulino's support for the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program and assured her of DAR's support for the joint venture.

Pagdanganan also said Benedicto-Paulino and the people in the area should serve as models to other landowners who do not believe in Carp.

Court frees suspected NPA leader

KORONADAL CITY—A local judge on Tuesday freed a suspected New People's Army leader, who was charged with murder in connection with the March ambush on a convoy of soldiers in Tupi town.

Regional Trial Court Judge Laureano Alzate ordered the release from jail of Marie Flor Ramos, 46, who was arrested in Quezon City on March 24, days after NPA rebels ambushed soldiers belonging to the Army's 27th Infantry Battalion.

Lt. Col. Eduardo Andes, 27th IB battalion commander, was then leading the convoy.

He was hit in the spine and has since been bedridden. One of Andes' men died while undergoing treatment at a hospital here.

In his verdict, Alzate said the prosecution failed to prove its allegations that Ramos participated in the attack.

After Alzate handed down his decision, Edgar, Ramos' brother, went to the South Cotabato Provincial Jail accompanied by two clerks of court to deliver the release order.

The teary-eyed Ramos hugged her brother. "I'm glad Judge Alzate cleared my name. I thank all those who worked for my release," Ramos told reporters. She maintained her innocence. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

'Intense militarization' of Tarlac hit

TARLAC CITY—The National Democratic Front has challenged Tarlac Gov. Jose Yap to address the "intensifying militarization" of the province to prove the government's sincerity in forging peace with communist rebels.

"If Governor Yap really wants to talk peace, we urge him to start off with confidence-building measures in his own backyard," the NDF-Central Luzon said in a statement on Thursday.

Yap, a senior consultant of the government panel in the peace negotiations with the NDF, is in the Netherlands to attend the exploratory talks with negotiators of the Communist Party of Philippines and the NDF.

The NDF claimed that more than 18 Army detachments were set up in the towns of Ramos, Pura, Gerona, Victoria, La Paz, Concepcion and Sta. Ignacia and in the capital Tarlac City.

But Lt. Col. Preme Monta, Nolcom spokesperson, dismissed the NDF's claims.

"This is not true, they don't have statistics to back these up. These are figments of their imagination," Monta told the INQUIRER by telephone.

"We are not in any manner militarizing any part of the country. This is SOP (standard operating procedure). The AFP's mandate is to protect the country's villages from infiltration of communist rebels," he said. *Ronaldo Dizon, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Sacked BIR official appeals case

CEBU CITY—The Bureau of Internal Revenue official in Cebu who was sacked last week for unexplained wealth has asked the Office of the Visayas Ombudsman to reconsider his dismissal.

Nieto Agad-Racho, the dismissed head of the Special Investigation Division of BIR-Cebu, said the penalty handed to him by the anti-graft body was "too harsh" given his 36 years of service with untainted record until now.

Racho was ordered dismissed from the service and perpetually disqualified from holding public office by Visayas Ombudsman Primo Miro after he was found to have over P5 million in personal bank deposits that were not reflected in his statement of assets and liabilities.

The alleged wealth was accumulated while he was the revenue district office of Talisay City from 1996 to 2000.

Racho filed his motion for reconsideration on Friday, insisting that he did not receive a true copy of the certifications from three banks that supposedly attested to his alleged deposits.

He claimed that Ombudsman Visayas Director Virginia Santiago, who conducted the investigation and recommended his dismissal, heavily relied on the uncertified photocopies of the bank certifications.

He added that the supposed complainant, the dyHP's Balita Action Team, also withdrew from the case. *Suzzane B. Salva, PDI Visayas Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Cop faces charges

ROXAS CITY—Administrative charges would be filed against a policeman who was tested positive of drug use in separate drug tests. SPO1 Bernardo Bulacan, of the anti-drug Provincial Special Operations Group, was placed under camp restriction at the Capiz police office pending the filing of administrative case against him at the Police Regional Office in Western Visayas based in Iloilo City. Senior Supt. Efren Quinto, Capiz police director, said Bulacan admitted using illegal drugs. *Gerry T. Pagharion, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Fire guts city hall

CEBU CITY—A fire believed to have been triggered by a faulty wiring gutted the old city hall building of Lapulapu City at dawn on July 2. Aside from the two-story building that housed a police station and a detention cell, the fire also destroyed the adjacent building of the Opon Puericulture and Maternity House. No one was reported hurt in the fire. Insp. Felix Facaldo, chief of the Lapulapu police station 3, and his 14 personnel were able to save important documents, including the blotter. *Jhunne Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

It's Columban

ON YESTERDAY'S INQUIRER Visayas page, the editor's note should have read "The author is a *Columban* priest . . ." and not "The author is a *Columbian* priest . . ." Fr. Niall O'Brien is an Irish-born priest, belonging to the Missionary Society of St. Columban. In the Philippines, members of the Society are known simply as the Columban Fathers. We apologize for the error.

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Remembering the Okkil artists

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SINCE I keyed in to the modern computer the fragile and yellowed pages of my grandfather Lt. Col. Anastacio Campo's memoir of the Second World War in Davao City, little details of the city's landscape and architecture that I missed stand out, as if needing my attention.

I was born in Davao toward the end of the war in 1945. The city was totally demolished by incendiary bombs that burned its buildings to the ground in the latter part of 1944.

One early morning, I went for a walk around the oval playground and sports complex along Legazpi Street (renamed Pelayo Street). Close to this street, I saw a building being demolished. Against the background of the blue sky, I saw woodcarved stars that brought back memories of my childhood.

With some alarm, I went back to the same spot as soon as the work day started. I implored the workers who were tearing the building down to save the art work. At the end of the day, a carpenter showed me what he discovered. The beautiful ceiling room divider was made of separately handcrafted pre-assembled pieces that fitted into each other by tongue-and-grove technique.

Okkil art

The Campo ancestral home on Bonifacio Street was built in the 1930s. The building miraculously escaped the conflagration of war—bombs that fell on the roof did not explode. Like many of the Davao homes of the period, it was built entirely of wood, and prominently displayed Okkil art work.

Perhaps the only residence in the historic Davao, which displays these wondrous nonrepresentational and geometric Okkil patterns, is the Obosa ancestral home on Rizal Street.

In Davao City, one splendid example of the flowering of Okkil art by early Filipino artists is the eclectic rendering of the altar of the old San Pedro Catholic Church, whose five-year construction started in 1881. This old shrine has been preserved as a side altar of the modern-day church edifice.

In this work, anonymous artists mixed Okkil with Baroque, which was flourishing in Europe at that time. The western art genre favored ornamentation with saints, cherubs and sunbursts.

The old San Pedro church altar also featured at the topmost a triangle with an eye inside it. This design can be seen on the altars of churches located at the foot of Mount Banahaw in Luzon.

Indigenous

Okkil art is indigenous Philippine art that is influenced by Middle Eastern art of the 8th century. Teodoro Agoncillo, in his book "History of the Filipino People," notes this influence on graceful and rhythmical plant and geometric ornamentation that is not interested in figures as the Koran prohibits representation of the human figure.

The artist Abdulmari Imao, in his article "Okkil Art: Our Middle Eastern Tradition," noted that Okkil is an old Malayan word that has the same derivative meaning as the Tagalog word "*ukit*" which is to carve. It refers to carving as well as to a type of design.

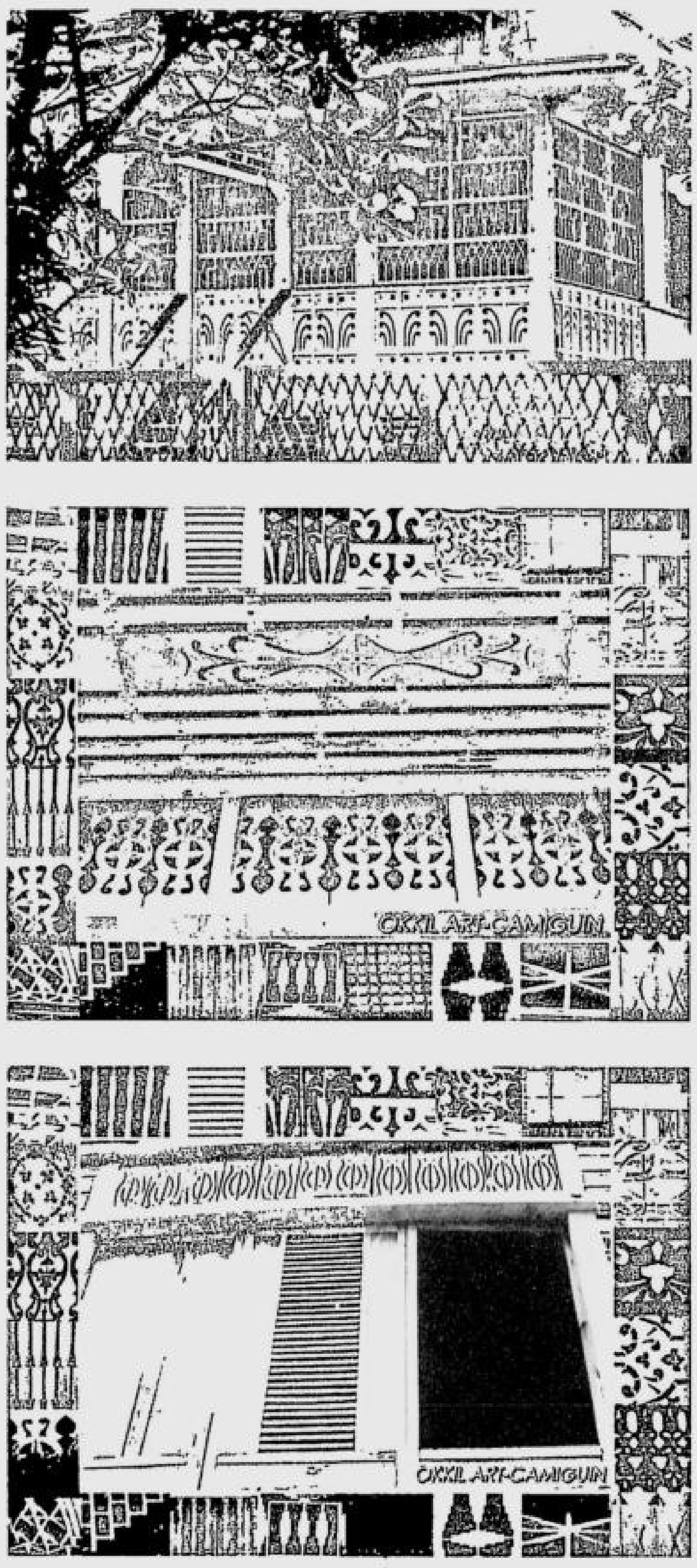
The Okkil motif adapts a flowing floral form and S-movement deriving designs from local plants, leaves, vines, sea corals and native objects. Imao noted that the contemporary Okkil design is found in Maranao ancestral homes, on Tausug brassware and woodcarving, and on modern sculptures adapted by both Christian and Muslim artists.

The Okkil indigenous art is found in ancestral homes elsewhere in the Philippines. But in prewar homes in Mindanao, these were more ornate and flamboyant, and were integrated into the building structure. The innovative architecture ingenuously ornamented and cooled down the houses. The carved wood boarded up the areas above the windows nearest the ceiling. These were also found along the eaves, and, in a certain manner, provided ventilation for hot air to escape.

The designs diffused the rays of the strong equatorial sun and brought in lace-like specs of light into the interior. At night, the cool air and changing skylight peeped through the same carved patterns. Inside the houses, the Okkil art works serve as room dividers, nearest the ceiling, that allowed air to freely circulate.

Camiguin Island, which is located at the tip of Northern Mindanao, escaped the war relatively unscathed. Amid towering centuries-old acacia rain trees, Okkil art, in all its glory, still adorns and cools ancestral homes.

Mostly built in the early 1900s, the homes are referred to by the Camiguiños as "antiques," perhaps in reference to inquiries about them from tourists. The local government preserves these homes, by way of a homestay economic tourism program. An interesting development is that Okkil works are being reproduced on concrete decorative blocks for newly built homes.



THE CAMPO ancestral home (topmost) on Bonifacio St. in Davao City; in between, Okkil postcards from Camiguin

Original

The patterns in the Camiguin ancestral homes, now reproduced on postcards by the local government, are original art works, differ in design from one ancestral home to the next. Individual pieces are carved in hardwood: half-inch thick, nine inches wide, and 18 inches high. The individual carved pieces are installed side by side and kept in place by narrow pieces of wood found at the top and at the bottom of the artwork.

OLD woman and her Okkil-decorated window in Camiguin

Emilia Badilla Factoran, who lives in her ancestral home in the Guinsiliban town, says the carved wood is from the *ipil* tree. Emilia and Deling Jaime say the Okkil art works are beautiful, part of ancestry! (*Pachada, sa karaan pa!*)

The barangay chair of Guinsiliban, Nenita Roxas, says the old people are sad, seeing that some of the ancestral homes have deteriorated and the Okkil art of the *iscultor* (sculptor) has been endangered.

Local government documents show that Guinsiliban had been settled in, before the coming of the Spaniards in 1565. The town was part of the vast empire of the early Filipino Sultan Dipatuan Kudarat in the 17th century, whose center is within the vicinity of the Ilihan Bay (Illana Bay), into which the powerful Pulangi River of Cotabato empties.

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Coconut juice 'official drink' of Davao Oriental

By Ferdinand O. Zuasola
Mati, Davao Oriental

GONE are the days when soft drinks were served in government meetings in Mati, Davao Oriental. The country's largest coconut producer, Davao Oriental recently declared coconut juice the "official drink" in all functions of government offices.

During the monthly meeting of the Provincial Law Enforcement Council, which is composed of government agencies involved in maintaining peace and order, coconut juice was the official drink in all meetings or conferences.

"From now on, we will no longer be serving soft drinks, like Coke, Sprite or Pepsi. Coco juice will be the official drink in all our meetings. This is our way of promoting coconut juice, which is a healthy drink in the first place. It is also our way of helping the ailing coconut industry," Senior Supt. Catalino Cuy, provincial police chief, said.

Jonelito Vicente, provincial head of the Philippine Coconut Authority, said PCA chief Danilo Coronacion had issued directives to all their offices in the country to promote coconut juice by asking other government offices to make it the official drink in all their functions, instead of the usual soft drinks.

"We are helping coconut farmers in Davao Oriental by ordering more coconut juice from them," Vicente said.

Coconut juice is now being sold to government offices at P5 per shell.

Coronacion said government and private offices could place their orders of coconut juice through their office in the capital town of Mati.

"This is a big help to us coconut farmers, who are still reeling from the very low prices of copra nowadays," said Norma Malindok, a resident of Baganga town.

Copra prices have plummeted from a high of P20 to P5 per kilo in 1998 due to the world market's shift to palm oil. Many coconut producers in Davao Oriental have decided to convert their coconut farms into mango plantations as they saw no hope for the ailing coconut industry to recover from the crisis.

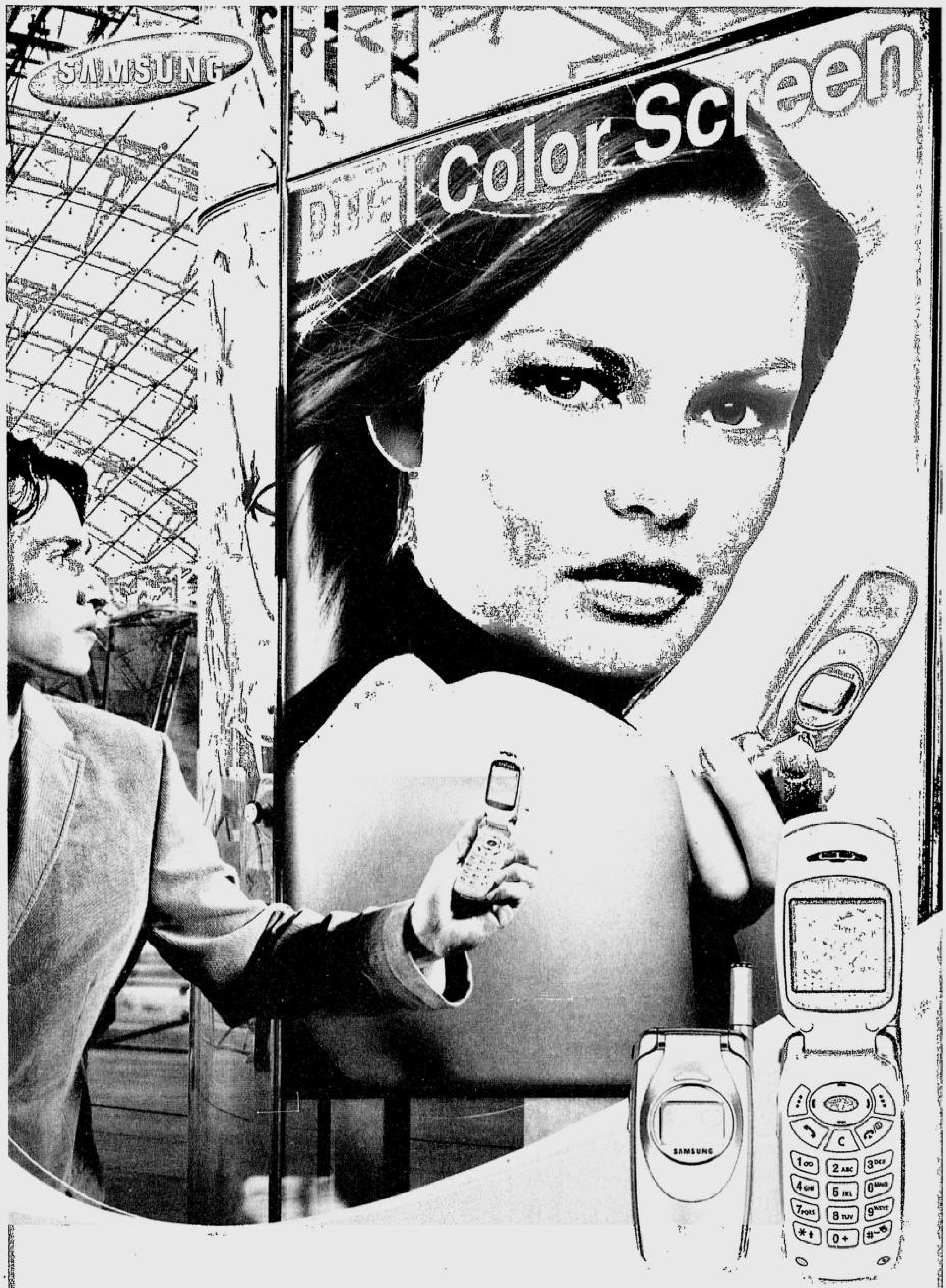
The problem, according to Coronacion, was aggravated by many factors, among them, an end to the distribution of free fertilizers to all coconut farmers in the country.

The World Bank-funded program ended in 2000, he said. The funding agency extended at least $121.8 million to the Philippine government in 1990 to increase coconut production in the country by giving free fertilizers to coconut farmers, he said.

He added that the illegal cutting of coconut trees for commercial purposes also compounded the industry's problem.

This year alone, his office has recorded at least 6,180 coconut trees felled in Davao Oriental. The figure does not include those cut illegally.

Cutting coconut trees legally entails securing a permit from the PCA. "But because we lack people to watch out for offenders, we could hardly stop the coconut producers from cutting illegally coconut trees," Coronacion said.



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A tale of two former activists

By Nash B. Maulana
Cotabato City

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters around you have grown
And accept it that soon, you'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin'
Then you better start swimming or you'll sink like a stone...
- "The Times They Are A-Changin'"
Bob Dylan

HERE are stories of two former student activists: One tries working for positive change in his community; the other is critical of the environmental state, and by the things he has written and painted, Mother Nature does not look much better now.

Going through college with an edge of convenience, Rolly Lu has learned to struggle, not only to become somebody someday but also be able to do something to improve his environment for the people around him.

Born an artist and a self-taught songwriter, Ricanor "Dong" Uday does paintings and art works showing his protest and frustration over the country's fast-dwindling forest cover; waste mismanagement, dynamite fishing responsible for coral reef destruction and vanishing mangrove forests, and pollution.

Lu has the means to do what he thought was good for his environment; Uday often "slices" from the household budget to buy art materials. His paintings must be the only medium left for him to spread his environmental messages, after he tried but failed to do it through the songs he had written.

Rolly has not seen much tree in Tacurong City where he grew up; thus, he believed that a better environment was one where everyone can live in peace, where everyone struggles hard to combat poverty.

And when everyone has the means to put food on the dining table, none would resort to robbery and petty crimes.

Early in life, Dong saw the symbiotic relationship of the creations by the river where he and his boyhood singing group, "The Mocking Birds," used to sing tunes of the '60s and the '70s.

Early entrepreneurship

In 1991, Rolly went to the United States to specialize in the construction of ice plants and industrial refrigeration mechanical system. He came home after only nine months to build a small ice drop factory, which he intended to help develop entrepreneurship among school boys, who had turned, early in life, to earning bread and butter for their families and their schooling at the same time.

The factory, the first venture that Rolly had established not only for himself and his family but also to help develop a community entrepreneurship, failed.

He got an electric shock once, while trying to fix a circuit in the freezer apparatus. He would, for the rest of his life, suffer from an injury that severely affected his reproductive organs, according to his doctor-sister.

But Rolly has been unyielding to some bad luck. He was at the forefront of efforts in establishing a Habitat for Humanity project in Tacurong, initially for workers.

Later, he advocated the expansion of the Habitat scope of beneficiaries to include those who had committed crime in the past or had jail records.

Following the Habitat principle, citizens built the "tough guys" core shelters and "this made them have a "sense of belonging" with the rest of the community.

But the proverbial fish is not given for free as in the old Chinese adage: only fishing implements are lent or given to those who would labor to go out fishing and learn enterprising by selling whatever they catch in excess of the family's consumption for the day.

Rolly got his fellow businessperson's nod to allow the dwellers' use of a two-hectare farm, which they have turned into vegetable and livestock farms. Some of the former felons and their families have learned a few trade secrets by establishing their own businesses, like a variety store and buy-and-sell of dry goods.

Peace concerts

Dong, at 20, left his group and started writing his own ethnic alternative folk songs about the environment. Now in his early 40s, times must have gone fast and his music seemed overtaken by rap and dancing tunes. He had written about 40 songs, mostly in Filipino.

Dong would occasionally organize peace concerts and was privileged to have jammed in some benefit concerts with known folk artists as ex-Asin members Lolita Carbon and Pendong Aban Jr.

He continues doing environmental art works to express his protest against the wanton destruction of Mother Nature.

Rolly's family has also established a community hospital in Tacurong, and his siblings had acquiesced to their mother's wish to convert their ancestral home in Buluan, Maguindanao into a school for children of poor families.

'We're not sweatshops'

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the whole industry [contributes]?"

Dee also said that key players in the local garments export industry were in fact the first members of the Responsible Apparel Production (RAP) program, an international memorandum of cooperation promoting decent work practices and humane working conditions.

He said the INQUIRER should have considered the moves of the private sector and the Department of Trade and Industry before running the special report, to avoid creating a negative impression of the local garments industry.

The INQUIRER report detailed the Anvil workers' complaints on overtime, underpayment and unsanitary working conditions, as well as the alleged offer to them of the insomnia-inducing drug Duromine to keep them awake during peak season 48- to 72-hour work shifts.

The Department of Labor and Employment, through regional director Maximo Lim, on Friday accused Anvil of violating labor laws and standards and ordered it to pay 137 workers a total of P5.8 million in back wages and unpaid benefits within 10 days.

The order was in response to a complaint filed several months earlier by the workers, who said they had not been given benefits and were underpaid for the past three years.

But Anvil union president Lorna de la Cruz yesterday said the workers were keener on getting assurance that they would not lose their jobs.

"If there is no order closing down the factory, that is good," she said. "All we want is for the factory to treat us better, to give us what is due us. That is all."

Acting Labor Secretary Manuel Imson said Anvil management's non-compliance with the order could result in the closure of the factory.

Anvil statement

For the first time since the report saw print, Anvil, a subcontractor of such First World companies as JC Penney and Sears & Roebuck, issued a formal statement on the matter.

"We deem that the proper way to resolve all the issues is through tangible and long-term measures that are beneficial to both management and employees of Anvil..." spokesperson Horatio Dante Mauricio said in a statement.

Mauricio said Anvil management and board members were "deeply concerned" by the report based on interviews with the workers and with former supervisor Rouel Quitoriano.

"We would like to let the public know that Anvil Ensembles Inc. is currently conducting a thorough investigation on possibilities that diet pills were used during heavy production operation last year, as alleged by Quitoriano," he said, adding:

"Our company is currently coordinating with the concerned government agencies in ensuring a healthy and safe workplace for our employees."

The statement was faxed to the INQUIRER yesterday afternoon, the same day that the Kilusang Mayo Uno challenged Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas to personally ensure that Anvil would comply with the DOLE order.

The militant labor alliance also urged the DOLE to file criminal charges against Anvil management.

"The company's gross violation of workers rights won't be easily dismissed with the settlement of various labor issues and economic demands at Anvil," KMU secretary general Joel Máglunsod said.

"Criminal charges must be filed against Anvil owners and management," he said. "The Labor Code authorizes the punishment of employers violating labor standards. The DOLE's loose monitoring of labor standards resulted in the extensive abuse of workers' rights and welfare."

Anvil union leader De la Cruz said: "Of course, we are happy about the DOLE's decision. But really, we just want to be assured that we are not going to lose our jobs."

She said it would be great if they received their back wages and still continued to work at the factory.

De la Cruz pointed out that close to 200 other workers were not included in the DOLE list of those to be paid.

"There are at least 320 of us here. What about [the others]? Why are they not included?" she said, adding that the DOLE might not have checked those working in an annex.

De la Cruz also said that most of the workers still did not know about the DOLE order, but that many of them were fearful that the factory might be closed down.

Good image

The Congep's Dee said the local garments industry was very keen on keeping a good image in order to maintain its mostly American clients.

He said these clients paid particular attention to social issues, such as treatment of labor, in their business decisions.

"We don't want the local industry to suffer the same fate as Saipan," Dee said. "Our competitive edge over other exporting countries has always been our adherence to social responsibility. We treat labor as our partners and not as a commodity."

According to Dee, the garments industry in Saipan suffered a major blow with the publication of an exposé on sweatshops there. He said the leading garments maker, which was cited in the exposé, lost over 30 percent in market share.

Dee said the DTI had sent a team to Anvil to investigate working conditions there. "We in Congep will support the move to cancel Anvil's export quotas if evidence shows it is guilty of the charges because we ourselves want to [get] that kind of people out of the industry," he said.

He also said that being a signatory to the RAP program initiated by the American Apparel Manufacturing Association, major garments exporters were sticking to the RAP principles—8-hour workdays, proper salaries, social protection and decent work environment.

The Congep represents 70 percent of the country's garments exporters and includes as members the Top 100 industry players.

The other local signatories to the RAP program are the Garment Business Association of the Philippines and the Philippines Apparel Embroidery Association and Exporters Inc. *With a report from Luige del Puerto, Metro*

Inspectors find more violations at sweatshop

By Martin P. Marfil

THE TEAM of inspectors sent Thursday by the Department of Labor and Employment to the Anvil Ensembles factory said workers continued to work under substandard conditions.

It noted the presence of numerous flies and some dogs in the workers' eating area, and said the two-story factory lacked toilets.

This was how the team, headed by Dr. Melba Sacro of the Bureau of Working Conditions, described the factory in a report:

The ground floor housing the bundling, warehouse, pressing, quality-control and sampling areas had two large industrial ceiling fans but both were not in operation, resulting in a "generally hot with poor ventilation" area.

The second floor housing the entire sewing section was well-lit and well-ventilated, with open windows on its sides. But only five workers were seen wearing face masks, and these were "improvised."

The women's toilet was located on the second floor, and the men's toilet, on the ground floor.

"As to the workers allegations of unhygienic conditions, we found the comfort rooms to be smelly and dirty..." the team said. "The number of comfort rooms is inadequate. In the receiving area adjacent to the kitchen and men's room, we noticed so many flies. Pet dogs were atop benches and tables that were used by workers for eating."

On Jan. 30, Anvil workers filed a complaint with the DOLE saying management had violated labor laws and standards.

They complained of underpayment (P100 to P190 per day, no pay slips), no holiday pay, no 13th-month pay, no night shift differential, no service incentive leave, no morning and afternoon breaks, prohibition to go to the toilets, no social security coverage, no maternity benefits and forced overtime.

House of pleasure now house of God

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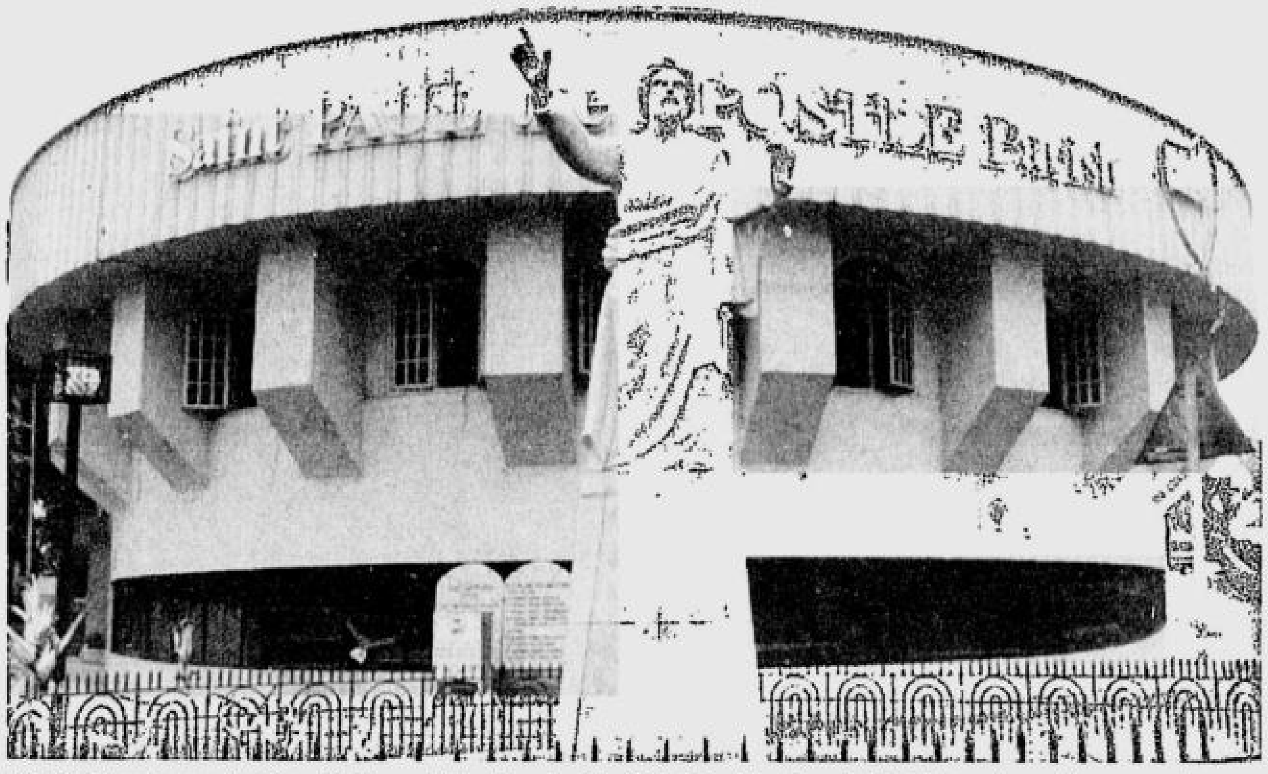

"FROM disco house to 'Diyos Ko' house" the church of the Saint Paul the Apostle Parish stands on this corner along the strip in Timog, Quezon City.

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church staff was still receiving calls asking, 'What's the show for tonight?'" he said.

Except for the inner partitions that were removed, the floor tiles replaced with marble and the raised ceiling, much of the structure, including the walls and foundations, is from the Spindle years, according to Perlas.

Long before it became a church, the structure and the triangular lot on which it stands were already considered a landmark in the then just jumping Timog strip. Before Spindle, two previous tenants turned the place into a restaurant named Fish Fun and another nightclub called Panorama.

But all three commercial ventures did not last long, Perlas said, leading many to believe that the location was "jinxed" and that whatever enterprise occupied the spot next would also have a short, failed run.

Wandering flock

By the early '80s, however, the Catholics living in Barangays Laging Handa and Paligsahan were hoping that a church would be built nearer their homes so that they did not have to go as far as the Kamuning area to hear Mass at the Sacred Heart parish.

The villagers subsequently organized themselves and, while looking for a potential church site, settled for temporary venues.

Literally a wandering flock, "we would have Mass at someone's home, out in the streets, on a private *pelota* court or at the nearby St. Mary's College," recalled Fe Flaminiano, the parish council's current vice chair.

This nomadic arrangement went on until the villagers set their sights on the unoccupied corner structure that used to be Spindle.

Orqueta said no less than Sin "intervened" in the negotiations between the parishioners and the property owner, Jesus Lucas. The cardinal helped the parish get the property at a significantly lower price, Orqueta said.

"While some of us were negotiating with Mr. Lucas, another group was on its knees," said Cecile, Perlas' wife and current council chair. "We really prayed hard for help in acquiring the place."

Help did come—as though from Heaven itself—in the form of a loan to the parish from the Archdiocese of Manila, Perlas said.

He said the parish was able to pay the loan through a series of fund-raising projects in the next few years.

The 1,500-square-meter property was officially purchased from Lucas on Aug. 19, 1983. (Had the purchase fallen through, Flaminiano recalled, the property would have ended up with a "funeral service" or a non-Catholic sect, both supposedly also eyeing the strategic site at the time.)

By October of that year and after initial renovations, St. Paul was holding its first Masses, one of which was celebrated by the Manila archbishop.

Perlas said it was during that Mass that Sin made the "Disco-Diyos Ko" quip, which to this day never fails to draw a knowing smile from each parishioner in a position to remember.

Other changes were made in the structure during Perlas' long stint as parish council chair, mainly involving rear office spaces.

But the most memorable for him was the installation of a statue of St. Paul as part of the facade so that nobody would "mistake" the place anymore for the disco it once was, he said.

Kris Aquino, etc.

Quite fittingly and owing to its proximity to the ABS-CBN studios, the church has been drawing a growing number of pious souls from the entertainment world.

Orqueta observed that among the frequent visitors to the 24-hour Adoration Chapel are ABS-CBN personalities, including Kris Aquino, former President Corazon Aquino's youngest child.

And only last month, he said, comedienne Ai-Ai de las Alas sponsored a Mass to petition Heaven for the box-office success of her latest flick, "Ang Tanging Ina," which indeed did well at the tills despite opening at the height of typhoon "Chedeng."

"I've been told that the Adoration Chapel used to be the spot allotted for the 'aquarium,'" said Orqueta, who was assigned to St. Paul only in March. He is the parish's sixth resident priest since its founding; the first was Msgr. Celso Ditan.

But Orqueta and Perlas explained that the Catholic hierarchy had already recognized the residents of Laging Handa and Paligsahan as the "Parish of St. Paul" as early as 1979, or four years before the actual church building came into existence.

"You call that a canonical erection," the priest said, referring to the creation of a parish on the basis of an organized community of devotees.

Why St. Paul?

Perlas said the name was suggested by one of their members "out of the blue" during a meeting.

But to Orqueta, naming the parish in honor of the saint who opened Christianity to the Gentiles was the perfect choice, given the building's past. "Just as St. Paul underwent a radical conversion from being a persecutor of Christians to an apostle, this place underwent a conversion," he said.

The priest put it this way: "From giving worldly pleasures, it now gives spiritual nourishment; from being a nightspot, it now serves as a nightly refuge for sinners.

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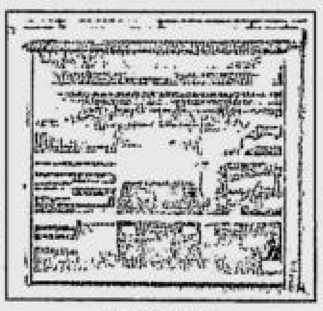

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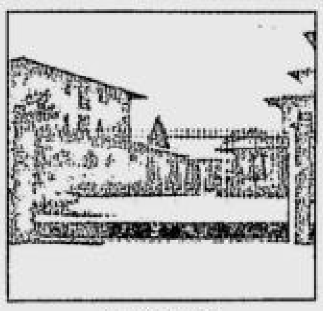

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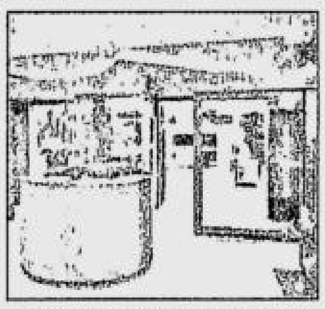

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FAMILY PORTRAIT. Wawel and Mila Mercado with daughter Therese, now six years old, spending a blissful weekend at home.

Couple running for hope and a miracle

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the grunting sounds that Mila makes as she attempts to communicate. Strangers mistake such attempts for crying fits.

The damage to her brain also caused Mila to lose much of her motor functions. She has to be fed and cared for by two caregivers.

One can see what the old Mila was like from the pictures displayed in a corner of the couple's turn of the 20th century-inspired home in Pasig.

Gone are the bright, upturned eyes. What is left is a blank, almost vacant expression.

Her once perfectly even set of teeth protrudes from her mouth, the effect of having bitten into the respirator every time she experienced a seizure during the worst part of her illness.

But her complexion is surprisingly smooth, almost wrinkle-free.

Despite her condition, Mila understands and is able to react to what is happening around her, according to Mercado.

"She still manages to chuckle when she hears or sees something funny, and is moved to tears every time I read her a touching story. In fact, she's so easy to please. Feeling the wind on her face or being fed the food that she loves would make her break into a smile," he says.

Wawel met the soft-spoken and hardworking Mila at an advertising agency where they both had jobs. The two dated for a little over five years before tying the knot on Jan. 2, 1996. Alas, their wedded bliss was to be brief, cut short 10 months later when Mila slipped into a coma a few minutes after holding baby Therese in her arms for the first and last time.

"It feels good to have a baby" were the last words she uttered.

Mercado, who remembers his wife as "very *cariñosa*," regrets that he only began to appreciate the importance of touching as a means of expression when she was already in a coma.

"She was very demonstrative with her feelings while I wasn't," he explains.

Mila also enjoyed watching her then future husband during company-organized track and field tourneys. Years later after her near-fatal illness, when Wawel "wanted to regain a part of myself" through sports, he asked his wife to pray for him.

"I know God is always on her side. I told her about my plans, and she was very elated," she said.

Race to understanding

Mercado is out to prove a point when he joins these sporting events with his wheelchair-bound wife: that families need not confine mentally handicapped loved ones and exclude them from participating in everyday activities such as malling, eating in restaurants and, yes, joining fun runs.

"I've never felt ashamed to take Mila out in public," he says.

"Yes, it can be quite inconvenient not because of her but because of other people. Curious stares sometimes make us feel unwelcome. And getting on an elevator can take forever. Compared to people in most developed countries, I guess Filipinos still have a long way to go when it comes to dealing with the disabled."

Most shoppers will not make room for the disabled. Worse, some people even try to beat them to the elevator.

But Mercado remembers being touched by the generosity of a father and his wheelchair-bound, mentally handicapped daughter. Seeing the Mercados' difficulty, the man, who was already inside the elevator with his daughter, wheeled her to a corner to allow the couple to squeeze in.

Said the then still emotionally raw Mercado: "I was so moved to even engage him in small talk. If I did, I might have ended up crying. People who have experienced a great deal of pain are the ones with enough space in their hearts to reach out."

On sunny days, he would take Mila to the Ateneo de Manila University campus to soak up the sun and enjoy the breeze. During one such trip two years ago, Mercado saw singer Jim Paredes jogging on campus.

Seeing how fit Paredes was despite his age inspired him to return to sports. The problem was he could hardly climb a flight of stairs, let alone run a kilometer, without losing his breath.

"I couldn't even jog at first, so I had to go on a diet and play a few rounds of tennis before I was able to muster enough strength to jog," he says.

Mercado's Paris-based brother, who is into joining triathlons, pointed Wawel to a website (www.teamhoyt.com) that further inspired him to compete. The website introduced him to a 60-year-old father who regularly joins races with his wheelchair-bound, mentally handicapped son afflicted with cerebral palsy. This gave him the idea to raise people's awareness by joining fun races with Mila.

Personal transformation

It goes without saying that this experience has been a profound personal transformation for Mercado. In the beginning, Christmas and Mila's birthdays were always difficult for him, which he spent crying and begging God for a miracle. He used Mila as an excuse to sulk and avoid going out with friends.

"I tried my best at first for us to live as husband and wife, but I found it so unhealthy," he says. "By its very nature, romantic love is conditional. It expects something back in return. We have had no sex life since Mila became mentally handicapped."

For Mercado, the change came almost four years ago the moment he began loving Mila as a father would love a child—unconditionally, without expecting anything in return.

"The biggest obstacle for caregivers like us is to get over our grief. If not, you'd be forever taking pity yourself and get nowhere," he explains.

"My [able-bodied] friends still manage to find reasons to complain about their marriages. I was also of the same frame of mind until I began asking myself what I really wanted in a marriage. I realized that one could still be happy even in the direst situations."

Loving Mila, he says, is easy because she was and still is a good and patient person.

Besides, her condition leaves Mercado with no choice but to care for her. What she fails to give back in the form of companionship, she more than makes up for by imparting inspiring lessons not only to her husband but also to the people around her.

"How can you not feel uplifted with someone like her around? If she can still manage to laugh and smile at life's simple pleasures despite her condition, all the more a person like me who can still move around and express myself freely," he says.

On July 27, the couple will again see action in the Milo Marathon. Mercado, Mila and three of their friends plan to enter the 10-km category wearing orange tees with "Team Mila" written on the front.

At the back of the shirts is Mercado's advocacy: "Let's make room for the mentally handicapped in our society by sharing with them what we enjoy."

"The name Mila summons hope. Mila, after all, is short for Milagros, which means miracles," he says.

These days he prays for a different kind of miracle—a miracle of acceptance for the mentally handicapped.

(Mercado has formed a support group for people with brain injuries. E-mail him at wawel_mercado@hotmail.com.)

Mountain midwives defy perils to deliver life

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Wagayan said she risked her life in 1986 when she helped deliver a baby at the height of a skirmish between Army soldiers and New People's Army rebels in Sadanga.

"It was a risky job because the house (where I was to deliver the baby) was near the town hall. The woman had to be brought out of the house because the NPA bombed the town hall. We delivered the baby outside their house," Wagayan said.

Margarita Bumidang from Sabangan does not mind walking the rough terrain to deliver a baby.

"Going up the hills is very enjoyable because I smell the fresh air and the scent of pine trees. My exhaustion disappears when I see (the people's) smiles and feel their warm welcome," Bumidang said.

Agustina Bagwan from Bontoc visits every household in her village to immunize residents and conduct lectures on maternal and child health care.

She also helped put up the "Botica Binhi," a community drugstore.

Bagwan, 62, said government midwives like her sacrifice a lot and do not expect any payment from their patients.

"Our midwives always work without charging anything to the family," Bagwan said.

It was thus a surprise to many of them, she said, when they found out during one national convention of midwives that others have been charging fees when they are not supposed to.

Marriage counselors, too

Lolita Dicang, secretary of the of the Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines Inc. (Imap), said midwives usually use their own money and sacrifice their lives to perform their duties.

"Most of the time, they go beyond the scope of their job. Sometimes they act as counselors to couples who have marital problems; sometimes they act as 'doctors' or general health workers," Dicang said.

Alice de la Gente, Imap president, said midwives also have to contend with the shortage in medicines and dilapidated health centers. And in places where no health centers could be put up, midwives are there to provide health services.

De la Gente said 17,700 of the 159,000 midwives in the country work in remote areas.

Outstanding midwives

In recognition of their work and sacrifices, Johnson & Johnson has been giving out the Outstanding Midwives of the Philippines awards since 1994.

Mt. Province has the distinction of having the most number of awardees.

In a reunion of Mt. Province awardees in this town last week, the midwives shared their stories to encourage others to be strong amidst the difficulties they face in their rural health units.

The midwives, clad in their native *tapis* (skirt) and beads, sang *salidummay* (community song) as a tribute to their colleagues.

Among those who attended the reunion were Wagayan, Bumidang, Piluden, Bagwan, Nancy Antonio from Tadian town, Joyce Cajigan from Bauko, Nora Cerilo from Besao, Rosa Chegyem from Bontoc, Carmen Lardizabal from Sabangan and Lolita Abastilla from Baguio City.

Santiago Robles, external director of Johnson & Johnson, said they came up with the awards to honor midwives and enhance their quality of work.

"Midwives were unrecognized, underrated compared to other professional heal workers. What we forget is that they deliver one-third of the population of babies in our country," Robles said.

Of Mt. Province's 3,004 live births last year, 2,686 (89 percent) were delivered by midwives, the 2002 Demographic and Health Profile showed.

Net humor: Top site ...

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months old—a real veteran by Internet standards—the site is more popular than ever and is attracting over a million hits a week.

Linking to the page from Google yields the message "These Weapons of Mass Destruction cannot be displayed," and suggests that the country might be experiencing technical difficulties.

Because it looks like an authentic error message, many Internet users were under the impression Google had been hacked.

But despite its alarming appearance, the page is a harmless, regular website, authored by one Anthony Cox, a 34-year-old pharmacist from Birmingham, England.

"It started off as a private joke for a few friends," Cox told Reuters on Friday. "Then it got passed on. People e-mailed it around and it ended up a few mailing lists. It went off and created its own life."

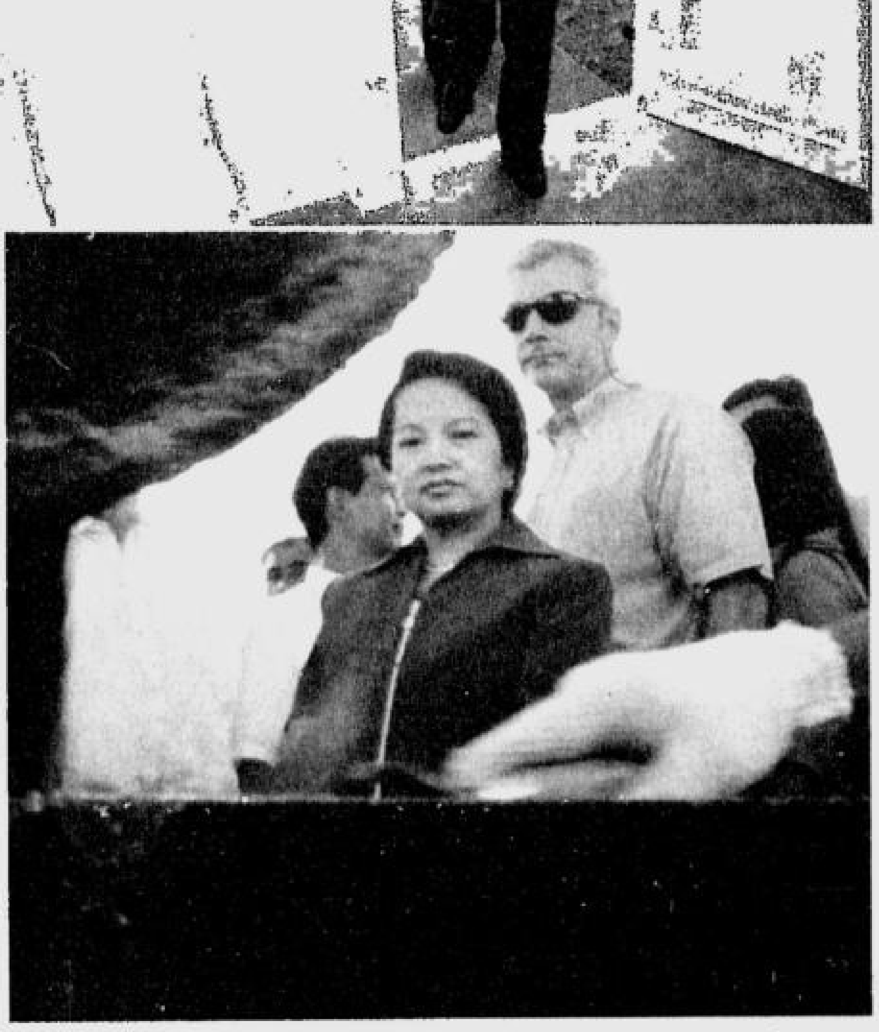
Cox said he created the site in February before the Iraq war when the debate about alleged Iraqi weapons of mass destruction first arose. With the war over and such weapons as elusive as ever, Cox's site has enjoyed newfound popularity.

He said the site clocked more than a million visits this week, more than in the past three months combined.

Cox, who said he was not opposed to the US-led war on Iraq, included several links in his message. "Click the bomb button if you are Donald Rumsfeld," read one.

Doing so leads to a page on Internet book, music and video seller Amazon.co.uk offering a DVD version of the classic 1963 anti-war film "Doctor Strangelove." Cox has also concocted a similar gag about The New York Times, which was recently hit by a scandal over plagiarized news stories.

The New York Times spoof page, also designed to look like an error message, contains an "Invent story" link that leads to an article about Jayson Blair, the Times reporter at the center of the scandal. *Reuters*



HOUSING FOR SOLDIERS

President Macapagal and Defense Secretary Angelo Reyes inspect a model unit of the AFP housing project during yesterday's inauguration in Tanza, Cavite. The project, built on a portion of Camp Riego de Dios, is being developed by a subsidiary of Ayala Land Inc., represented by Fernando Zobel de Ayala (right).

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DURING a visit to the Manila Zoo (from left) Dalmacio's girlfriend Maritess, Kulot, Jerry, Raymond, Lovely, Joy, Dalmacio, Jack, Alex, Boy, Wendy

Busy with streetkids

TALES OF THE CITY

By Marlet Salazar

IT TAKES a big heart to do something for others willingly, and finding satisfaction in it.

Alvin Dalmacio, 30, has such a heart, and it showed one chilly afternoon in December 2002, when he came home with 10 street children.

It all started when one of the children showed him an act of kindness.

Dalmacio was trying to find a place to park his car on Tomas Morato Avenue, when a boy removed a "no parking" sign in front of a building and let him park there.

When Dalmacio came back from an appointment a few hours later, a bunch of street children—friends of the boy who helped Dalmacio—rushed to him and told him that the security guard of the building had spanked them.

Upset that someone would hurt the children, Dalmacio confronted the guard and told him off.

It was the start of something beautiful, something Dalmacio and the children never tire of nurturing.

That day, he spent two more hours talking to the children, aged 8 to 16. He fed them and got to know them better.

He said that none of the children are related by blood, but they consider each other family. The children need to sustain this friendship to survive the streets.

Later, he brought them to his condominium unit in Marikina for a bath and a decent meal.

From then on, Dalmacio has proudly referred to the children as "my kids."

The former country manager of Lucent Technologies has always had a soft spot for the less fortunate.

"Actually, I am more sensitive to older people, (the) helpless ones," said Dalmacio, who has worked as an executive for several information technology companies since 1996. "It was just a coincidence that I met the kids at that place and time."

Dalmacio never balks at the chance to help. He would celebrate his birthday in orphanages, and regularly give donations to institutions.

On Christmas Eve, Alvin talked to the children and it was agreed that he would fetch them at a certain time so he could spend "noche buena" (midnight meal) with them.

When he arrived at the appointed time, nobody was there. Dalmacio later realized that the children "don't have a sense of time."

Dalmacio has the full support of his family. His parents would even include "his kids" on family outings.

Once, he and his high school friends took the children to Baguio.

During the trip, he felt a certain amount of fulfillment after he heard a boy talk about his dream.

"I want to sell corn so I can buy myself a bike," the boy said in Filipino.

Dalmacio realized that the kid is now dreaming of a better life.

"When they see other worlds, that's when they start to dream," he said. "That's the only way they can think of getting out of the streets."

Dalmacio's kids all have tough, colorful lives. One of the reasons why he does not feel guilty of spoiling them by buying them things they never had.

"I don't mind giving them everything I can afford," said Dalmacio, a business management graduate of De La Salle University. "I feel blessed that I and my siblings didn't get to experience the kind of life they have."

"(The children) are practically clueless on how it feels to grow up with someone to take care of you."

Dalmacio has learned much from the kids, and the children have learned much from him.

Dalmacio was able to convince some of them to quit the streets and go home.

"But when I have problems, I go to them," Dalmacio said.

He has taken them to parks, zoos, and even to his office. He would also shoulder medical bills and, once, a funeral.

Dalmacio has just arrived from the United States when he got a call that one of wards, Alex, was in the hospital for appendicitis.

He went there at once with food and medicine. The next morning, Alex passed away.

Dalmacio felt bad, but he didn't dwell on the boy's death. He felt the ned of the other children.

In returning the kindness, the children are totally devoted to their "Kuya Alvin."

"They won't do anything to offend or disappoint me," he said. "Maybe they think of me as their only family, who will defend them all the way."

Recognizing the limitations of what he can do, Dalmacio has contacted Child Hope Asia, a nongovernment organization.

He said it is not enough for him to feed them every Sunday. He saw the need of a program to prepare them for life ahead.

"I have to hone them," Dalmacio said.

Because Child Hope conducts street education, Dalmacio felt it is the perfect partner for his efforts to help street children.

"All my life I never asked for anything much," he said, "I want to share my blessings to those who need it the most."

IN Baguio: Wendy, Dalmacio and Boy.

PRISONS CHIEF'S PLEA

Apply death law to drug lords

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

PEOPLE will feel the government is serious in its campaign against illegal drugs only when "heads start rolling."

Thus said Bureau of Corrections director Dionisio Santiago yesterday after President Macapagal-Arroyo hinted on Friday she might lift the moratorium on the death penalty.

"The drug lords are now just laughing at the government. If we don't execute the drug lords in death row, drug syndicates would dismiss the intensified anti-drug drive as just lip-service," Santiago told the INQUIRER.

Santiago said that if his small reforms at the National Bilibid Prisons slowed down drug trade inside the penitentiary, lifting the moratorium and finally carrying out the death penalty on the drug lords in death row would serve as a strong warning to drug pushers.

He also said carrying out the death penalty on heinous crimes would improve the image of the country abroad.

"Criminals in other countries had all flocked to the Philippines because, with the present situation, it seems that it pays to be a criminal in this country," Santiago said.

Out of about 1,000 inmates in death row, 37 had been convicted for drug-related crimes. Some are foreign nationals. Possession of illegal drugs in large quantities is punishable by death.

"If Jesus had to die to save humanity, these drug lords should also be executed to save our country from drugs," he said.

Santiago said he was one of those who recommended to Ms Macapagal the re-imposition of the death penalty.

The President suspended the implementation of death penalty last year amid debates in Congress whether to abolish or amend the death penalty law.

The recent intensified anti-drug drive of the government had led to the arrest of over 1,000 suspects in a month's time. However, the public is yet to see the arrest of a big-time drug pusher.

Most of those arrested were either users or small-time street peddlers.

The NBP was rocked by a drug scandal after reports surfaced that shabu was being manufactured inside the penitentiary. Santiago had denied the reports.

However, he admitted that shabu peddling was rampant in the penitentiary.

Baclaran victim just a bystander

POON Baceron on Friday went to Baclaran to visit his mother and siblings and buy rice cookers to sell in Marawi City, his hometown.

By 5 p.m., Poon had died of a stray bullet fired during vendor-clearing operations of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, according to his cousin Samsiya Baceron.

Poon was set to return to Marawi yesterday, where his wife and six children are waiting. Now they have to settle for his remains.

Samsiya, 33, yesterday told the INQUIRER that her cousin was not a vendor, contrary to initial reports.

She said Poon was sitting in a makeshift cart parked about 100 meters away from the Roxas Boulevard seawall when about 50 men stormed the vendors at about 3 p.m. When the demolition men started confiscating goods, the vendors fought back by hurling stones and bottles.

"We are used to uniformed policemen firing at vendors during clearing operations," Samsiya said in Filipino. "But this is the first time we saw civilian men with guns. This is the first time someone got killed."

A police report said "MMDA civilian escorts" fired warning shots to stop the commotion.

But MMDA Chair Bayani Fernando denied reports that the shots came from his men.

"Our men always wear their uniforms and they don't carry firearms," Fernando said in a phone interview. "When we conduct operations, we always get security escorts from the police."

Fernando said the vendors might have started the shooting.

"Our men even had to lie down because the vendors in the area were carrying guns," he said.

Edson Tandoc Jr.

Explain porno VCDs, cop station chief told

By Alcuin Papa

THIS is one issue the commander of Police Station 7 in Cubao, Quezon City, may find too hot to explain.

Supt. Rosendo Franco will have to explain how several pirated video cassette discs containing pornographic films ended up in his own office in the station.

The porno VCDs were discovered by no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo herself when she dropped by at the station last Friday.

While there, the President went to the office of Franco and found the VCDs. Franco keeps a television and VCD player there.

Franco denied he owned the porno VCDs at his office upon his arrival from the United States yesterday.

He told reporters that one of his helpers bought the pirated movies in Cubao and placed it inside his room

Chief Supt. Napoleon Castro told reporters yesterday that he would reprimand Franco and also ask him to explain why there were pirated bold VCDs inside his office.

"He (Franco) has some explaining to do. And we will reprimand him as soon as he reports to work," Castro said.

The President launched into a lecture and stressed that policemen must have strong "moral foundation" for them to serve the people more effectively.

Arroyo also lamented the high crime rate in the Cubao area and exhorted Cubao policemen to intensify their crime-fighting efforts.

Cop fights off 4 robbers

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

FOUR robbers thought they could pull off a holdup aboard a jeepney in Parañaque City early yesterday morning.

Their plan seemed to work well, except one of the passengers happened to be a policeman.

PO1 Angelito Rivera shot and wounded two of the four suspects during a chase.

Police identified the wounded as Christopher Solis, 21, and Crisanto Rosales, 27. Their two companions escaped.

Rivera, a member of the Parañaque City Police Mobile Support Group, told the INQUIRER he was on a jeep bound for Sucat, Parañaque City when the four suspects, armed with knives and guns, announced a holdup about 5 a.m.

Fearing the suspects would find his 9 mm service firearm, Rivera gave his wallet and his 8250 cell phone to the robbers, who got off after divesting the other passengers of their things.

Rivera immediately ran after the suspects and fired several shots. The suspects fired back.

Solis, of San Antonio Valley 1, Parañaque City, was hit at the chest and leg and slumped at the pavement.

Rivera and other bystanders brought Solis to the Parañaque City Hospital. But when they got there, Rivera was surprised to see Rosales already confined.

Parents, students decry school's closure; issue appeal

By Amy R. Remo

CLASSES have started last month but this early, Johanna, a sophomore at Pura V. Kalaw High School in Proj. 4, Quezon City, is worrying where she would study next year.

Johanna's classmates share her anxiety. In fact, most of them are disheartened they could not focus on their studies.

The reason: The Division of City Schools under Quezon City District Superintendent Victoria Fuentes has decided to close the school allegedly for lack of facilities and classrooms.

This year, school officials did not accept anymore new students and said they would just allow the present students to finish. But even with this promise, students and their parents fear it may not be achieved.

Reports say some of Kalaw's good teachers have been pulled out by Fuentes herself and assigned to other schools. Fuentes has denied the reports.

Bing Baguioro, whose two children study at Kalaw, deplored the decision by Fuentes and school division officials to close the school. "They are robbing the children of their right to education," she said.

Kalaw High School is one of two public high schools in Proj. 4, a community consisting of 13 barangays and a population of over 100,000. The other school is the Jose P. Laurel High School.

Kalaw was built only in the year 2000 but already has distinguished itself as a "quality school", according to Baguioro.

She said she could not see any reason why Kalaw should be closed considering it is a good school.

Fuentes said she has the authority to close the school and enumerated the reasons.

"Kalaw does not even have a computer laboratory or other amenities required in a high school," she said.

She also claimed that the school lacked the necessary working papers to operate.

Fuentes also said that the students could transfer to Laurel, which is located right in front of Kalaw, adding nine new classrooms had been built in Laurel.

Baguioro and other parents, however, were not keen in doing this, claiming the quality of education in Laurel is not at par with Kalaw's.

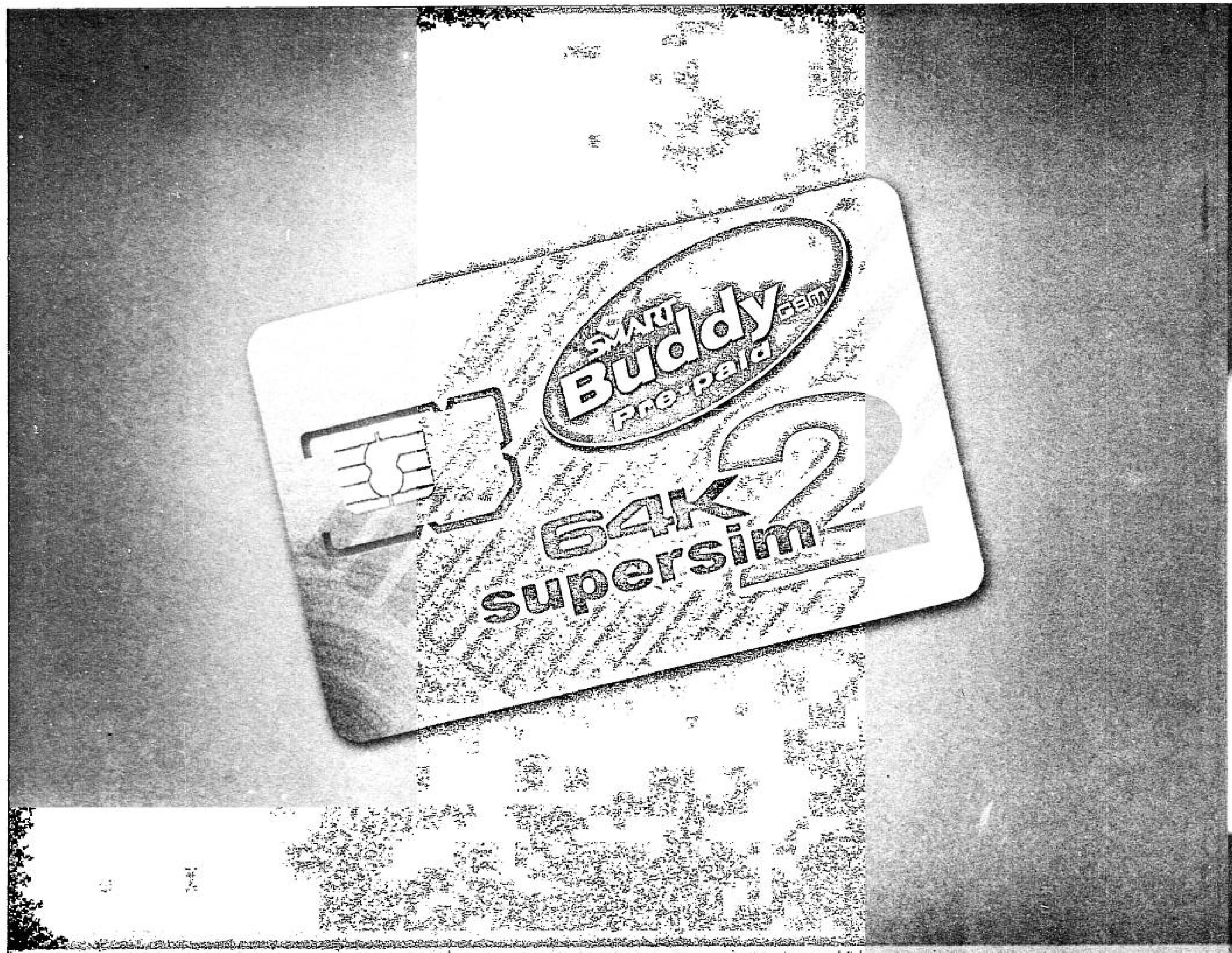
"The problem is not the lack of classrooms or facilities (at Kalaw," lamented Baguioro. "Fuentes simply lacks the imagination and vision to make Kalaw a better school."

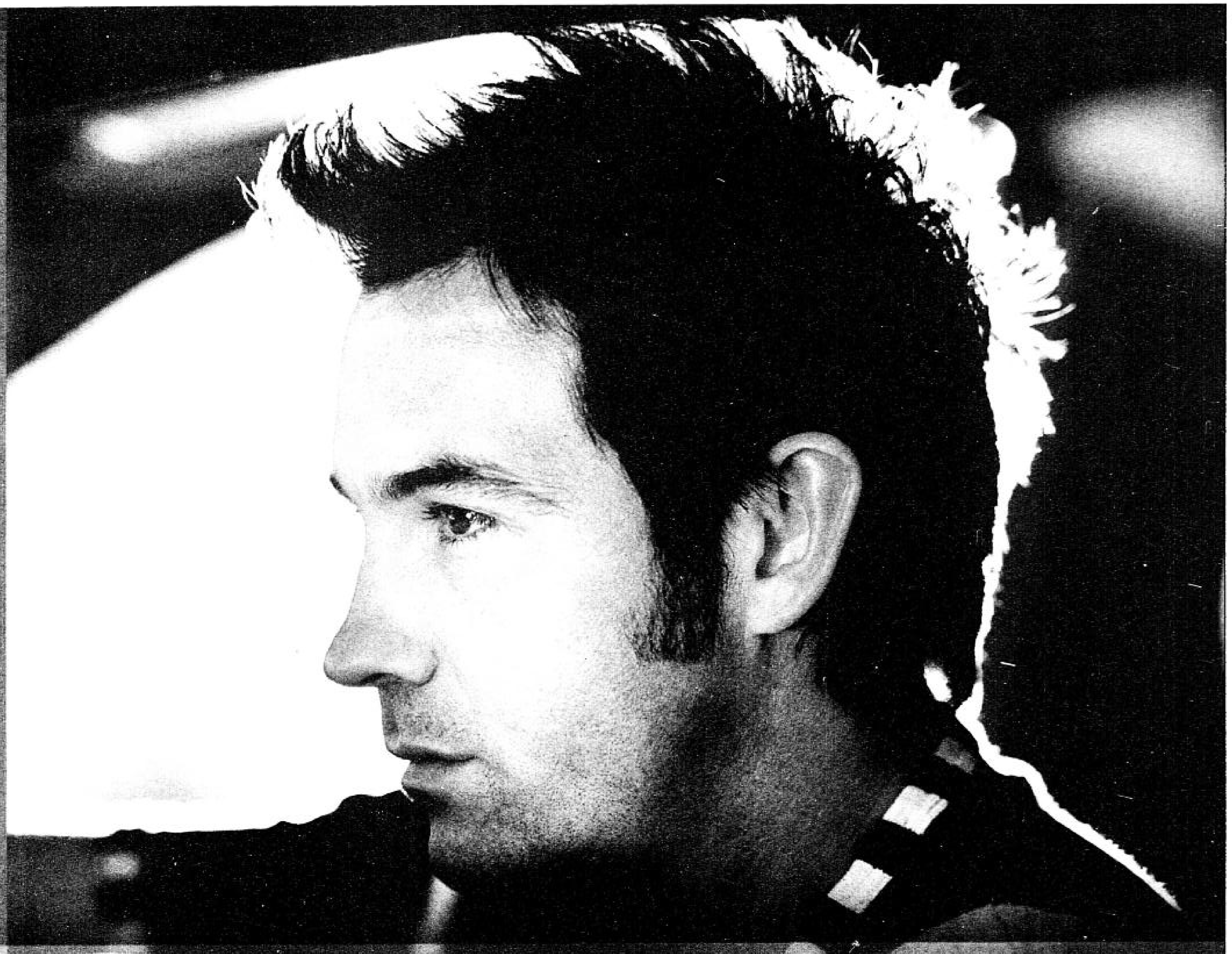
Some parents said they would be forced to send their children to schools in other areas which would mean additional financial burden.

Right now, the parents could only pray and hope somebody at the education department or the Quezon City Hall, or better yet, in Malacañang, would read their case and consider their plea.

STUDENTS of Pura Kalaw High School manage to keep happy faces despite an uncertain future.

JOAN BONDOC





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PSC scraps 3 meets to boost SEAG fund

By Marc Anthony Reyes

FORCED to relax its stiff criteria for the Vietnam Southeast Asian Games, the Philippine Sports Commission took another step backward by scrapping three grassroots competitions this year to save money for the SEAG campaign.

PSC chair Eric Buhain announced yesterday that the P30 million intended for staging regional games in Luzon and in the Visayas and the Philippine National championships will be channeled instead to the SEA Games budget.

The three meets are an integral part of the agency's sports development program intended to be unveiled this year.

It is the same PSC program that received flak from Philippine Olympic Committee president Celso Dayrit, who said the PSC is spending too much money and effort to small-scale competitions instead of taking care of the elite athletes or those in the national team.

Dayrit's criticism came at the height of the POC-PSC row over the selection of athletes to the SEAG.

The PSC had wanted to fund only those who meet the criteria of either a silver medal in the 2001 SEAG or a bronze in the 2002 Asian Games and even created its own SEAG Task Force.

Using a more relaxed criteria, the POC came up with a projection of about 500 athletes and a promise to support the nationals the PSC would snub.

President Arroyo took up the cause of the national athletes, however, and Buhain subsequently announced the PSC would now take care of sending all the athletes chosen by the POC to see action in Vietnam.

The decision to divert the fund for the three meets may have been a result of the fact that the PSC has yet to receive from Malacañang its estimated budget of P40 million for the SEAG.

First Gentleman Mike Arroyo has also promised Dayrit a P10-million donation from his own pocket to boost the SEAG fund.

The PSC is expected to support around 700 athletes, coaches and officials.

The cost of sending a delegate to Vietnam, according to the PSC, is about P70,000 including allowances, plane fare, hotel expenses, uniforms and equipment.

So far, there are 422 athletes who have qualified for the SEAG with a few more waiting for their credentials to be approved.

Left in the PSC development program are the Batang Pinoy for kids 13 years old and below, the Palarong Pambansa for elementary and high school students and the Mindanao Games.

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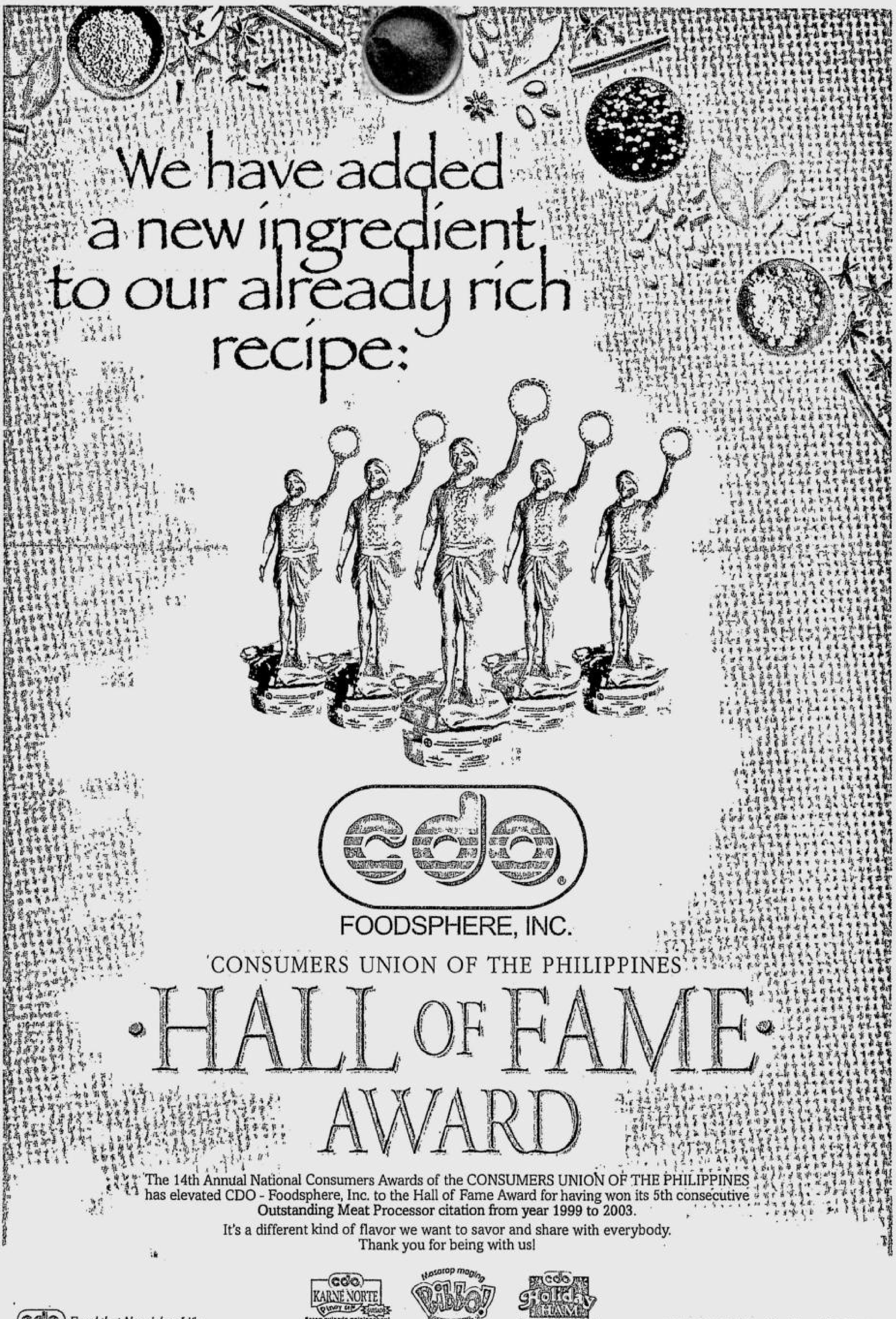

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IMMONEN looks for an opening as Kiamco anxiously watches from behind yesterday in the semifinals of the On Cue Ist RP-Europe nine-ball championship. Immonen won, 11-7. JESS YUSON

ALL-EUROPE FINAL

It's Immonen vs Souquet

By Dennis U. Eroa

THE VAUNTED Philippine challenge fizzled out in the face of Europe's daring assault yesterday in the semifinals of the On Cue Ist RP-Europe nine-ball championship at the Loop Entertainment Center inside the Don Eugenio Lopez Jr. building in Quezon City.

Filipino sporting hero Efren "Bata" Reyes typified the forgettable local campaign as he fell to Germany's Ralf Souquet, 11-6, assuring an all-European clash for the $15,000 (P800,000) purse which goes to the winner of this five-day event. The loser will earn $10,000 (P530,000).

Earlier, Finland's Mika Immonen played solidly throughout to trounce Filipino bet Warren Kiamco, 11-7.

Souquet, the reigning European Mosconi Cup and US Open nine-ball winner, leaned on his excellent breaks to take the fight out of Reyes.

"I was more successful on the breaks and it gave me more chances of finishing off the racks," said the 35-year-old native of Eschweiler, Germany.

Reyes watched in frustration as Souquet, dubbed as the "Kaiser," methodically cleaned up the table en route to a commanding 10-6 lead.

"I knew that Efren's fans are quite sad with this result, but I did my job," said Souquet, who avenged his 7-4 loss to Reyes during the eliminations.

Nicknamed the Iceman for his cool and precise plays, Immonen did not blink in the face of Kiamco's gallant but losing stand, using his superb pocketing and breaking to pull through.

Immonen, the 2001 World Pool titlist, will try to avenge his loss to Souquet early this year in Las Vegas.

Souquet, however, is determined to win his first major title in the country.

"I want to keep my perfect record against Mika. It's going to be a very good game," Souquet said.

Kiamco, who reached the semifinals after beating compatriot Django Bustamante via the quotient system, came to the game confident of upending the highly-favored Immonen.

But the native of Helsinki, who now calls New York his home, wasn't in the mood to oblige Kiamco.

Immonen didn't trail after taking an early 2-0 lead, leaving the former Asian nine-ball winner with a dejected look throughout the match.

"I was a little bit fortunate. It seemed that anything I touch turned into gold," said Immonen. "I played pretty solid today."

Immonen finished the eliminations with a 3-1 record, his only loss courtesy of Reyes, 4-7, last Friday.

Dubbed as a warm-up for the coming World nine-ball championship in Cardiff, Wales, the five-day tournament organized by Puyat Sports and ABS-CBN offers a total pot of $33,000.

Kiamco will meet Reyes and Souquet for third place which is worth $5,000 (P265,000). The fourth placer gets $3,000 (P165,000).

Ralf, Pablo set best times

MAGNY-COURS, France—Williams pair Ralf Schumacher and Juan Pablo Montoya cemented their positions as the new rivals to Ferrari when they set the best times in Saturday's practice for the French Grand Prix.

Schumacher, the winner of the European Grand Prix at the Nurburgring last weekend, clocked 1 minute and 14.966 seconds with his Colombian teammate 0.611 seconds behind as normal service was resumed after Friday's rain-affected qualifying session when the Minardi of Jos Verstappen had taken provisional pole for Sunday's race.

David Coulthard, in a McLaren was third fastest followed by world champion Michael Schumacher in a Ferrari.

Verstappen was second slowest with his teammate Justin Wilson bringing up the rear, over four seconds off Ralf Schumacher. *AFP*

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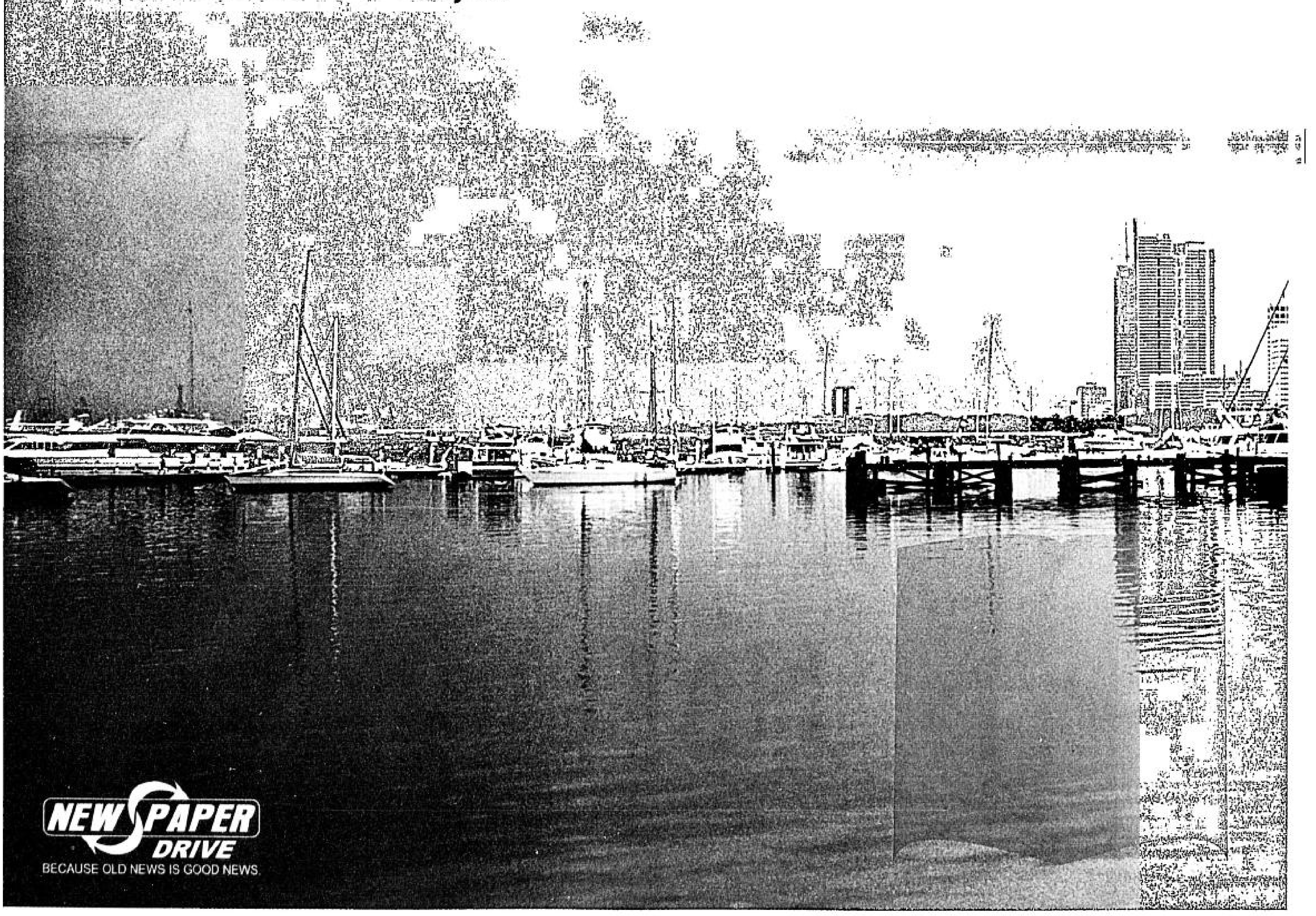

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GTK sees early solution of case

GO: Recuperating.

By Roy Luarca

ATHLETICS chief Go Teng Kok believes that the failed attempt on his life on Tuesday would be solved soon following President Arroyo's explicit orders to get the perpetrators at all cost.

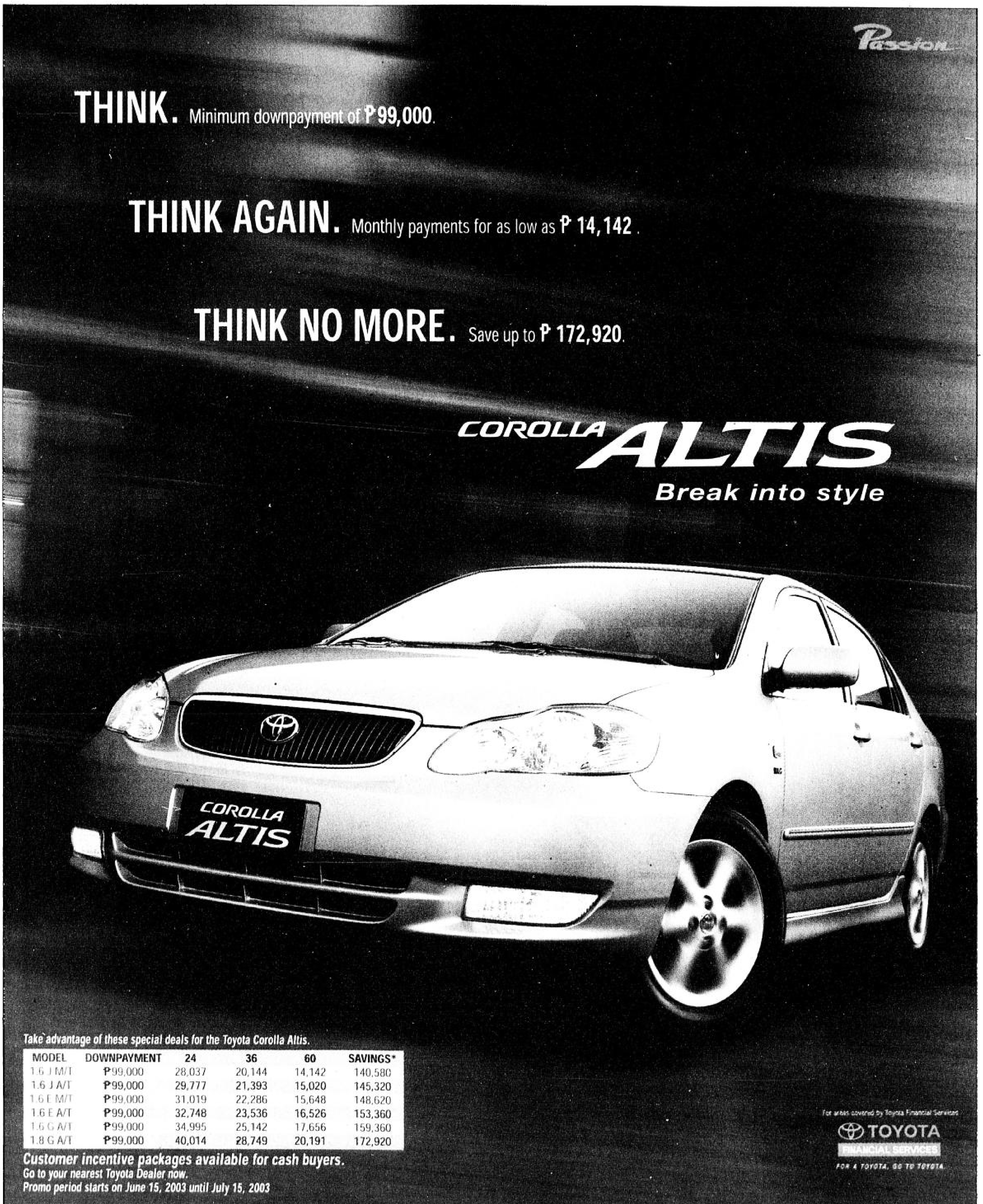
"Because of GMA, I know this will be solved," wrote Go on a notepad yesterday. Go is still unable to talk because fragments of the two bullets that pierced his face hit a portion of his tongue and lower jaw. He is now recuperating under tight security at St. Luke's Medical Center.

"Please also thank for me Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, (Ospital ng Maynila), director Dr. Christian Padolina and Dr. Reynaldo Joson, Mr. Julio Tan and the members of the Manila and Quezon City police," Go wrote.

Go's family also expressed their gratitude to President Arroyo and other high-profile personalities for their swift reaction on the botched slay try.

"With President Arroyo's help and sincere concern, we are now very confident that this crime will be solved by the proper authorities," said a family member, adding that Presidential adviser on national security Roilo Golez had reiterated Malacañang's directive to the PNP to solve Go's case swiftly.

Meanwhile, Basketball Association of the Philippines secretary general Graham Lim said yesterday that the man who ransacked his condominium unit in Binondo on June 30 is most likely working for the same people who tried but failed to oust him from the BAP three years ago.



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Game 1—Coca-Cola d. Talk N' Text, 93-79
Game 2—Coca-Cola d. Talk N' Text, 92-89

By June Navarro

NO TEAM in the history of professional sport has recovered and won the crown after losing the first three games of a best-of-seven championship series.

Taking this reality to heart, the Talk N' Text Phone Pals try to avoid sinking into that 0-3 hole when they battle the Coca-Cola Tigers today in Game 3 of the Samsung-PBA All Filipino Cup Finals at the Araneta Coliseum.

Gametime is set at 6:30 p.m. with the Tigers looking unstoppable in their bid to retain the championship after winning the first two matches, 93-79 and 92-89.

It will be Ginebra against Sta. Lucia earlier at 4 p.m. in the Asian Invitational qualifying.

"Winning three games in a row is difficult. And right now I can't think of a team down 0-3 and went on to win the championship," said Talk N' Text coach Joel Banal.

It's sad but true.

Even if Banal surfs the entire sports internet, he won't find a team in the world of professional sports that won the title after overhauling three consecutive setbacks at the start of a best-of-seven series.

Coca-Cola coach Chot Reyes readily agreed, even suggesting that if they go up 3-0, then most likely the series would be a foregone conclusion.

"Going into Game 3, I feel that we have a good chance of winning. But then again, we have to make some adjustments because Talk N' Talk will try its best not to fall to 0-3," said Reyes after the Tigers grabbed a 2-0 lead in the series Friday night.

Rob Wainwright was the key Tiger in Game 2, grabbing rebounds and shooting perfectly from the free throw line as he took over from the foul-troubled Rudy Hatfield and Ato Morano.

"With William Antonio in the injury list and Hatfield in foul trouble, I don't think we could have pulled off that win without Rob," said Reyes, who also praised the fine work of Johnny Abarrientos, Jeffrey Cariaso, Rafi Reavis and Morano.

Abarrientos played more than 25 minutes despite a hurting leg as Morano got saddled with fouls.

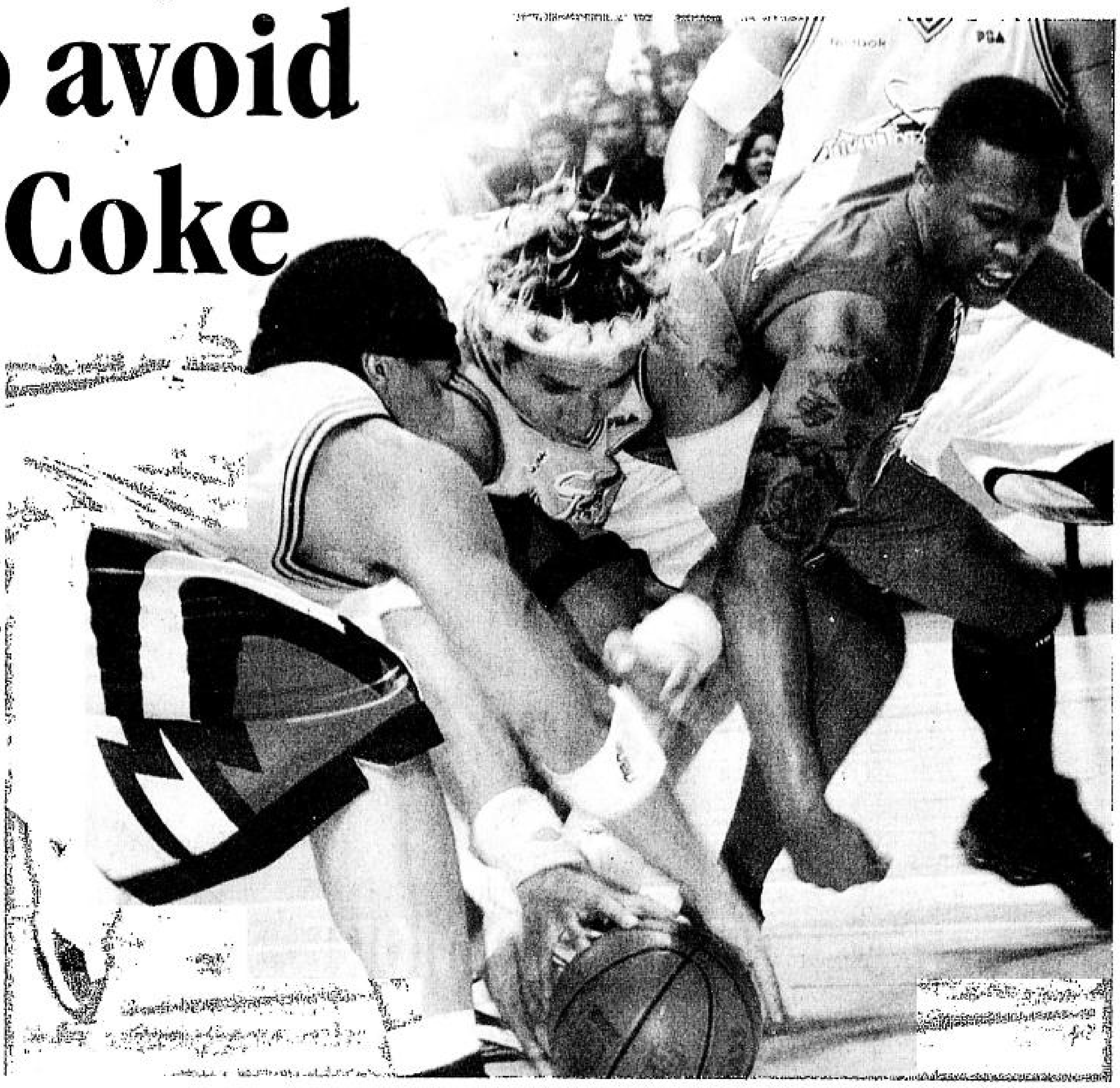
"The 2-0 lead means were off to a good start. If we cannot sustain it, then all our efforts will go for naught," said Reyes, who is seeking his fourth PBA title since 1993.

Though he was pleased with the way the Tigers played, Reyes said they have to make some adjustments with the way Asi Taulava humbled his rivals inside the paint.

"Asi got away with a lot of points and we must make an adjustment to stop him. They created different sets to get the ball over to Asi," Reyes noted.

Taulava was almost unstoppable, barreling his way in for 40 points while hauling down 12 rebounds in 46 minutes of action.

But his teammates–Jimmy Alapag, Bong Ravena, Donbel Belano, Mark Telan and Patrick Fran--couldn't provide support for Taulava's aggressive offense.


TALK N' TEXT's Harvey Carey (left) and Asi Taulava battle Coke's Rob Wainwright for ball possession.
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Talk N' Text needs a doctor

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

TALK N' Text cannot hope to beat Coca-Cola if it continues to miss free throws with the consistency of bees at work on a new beehive. If I could only talk to Talk N' Text coach Joel Banal, I'd tell him to change strategy.

Avoid the free throw, maybe? Treat it like the SARS epidemic?

To do that, every Phone Pal should waylay his man each time he has the ball. You keep your distance from your man and you will not be fouled. That simple.

Easier said than done, though.

In basketball, the hardest thing to do is completely leave behind your man. Only in a fastbreak, which happens not very often, can an attacking team score virtually unopposed.

A favorite basketball word is "leech." A good guard is often described as "like a leech" because he gives his man practically no room to receive the ball. During the few times that the guard's man receives the ball, he'll be probably fouled. That will most likely send the fouled man to the line for free throws.

How many times have we seen free throws deciding the outcome of a basketball game?

It recently happened in the Busan Asian Games, when Asi Taulava and Olsen Racela missed four free throws with seconds left. As a result, the Philippines blew away a sure silver, losing by a mere one point to South Korea. Had both just split their charities, the Filipinos could have won by a point, in the process advancing in the battle for gold against China.

On Friday night, Taulava again showed the weakest side of his game: free throw shooting. He made only 12 of his 22 free throws.

And his team lost by just 3, 92-89.

And he fired 40 points, 20 more than the second best shooter for the night: Rob Wainwright of Coca-Cola.

Thus, who needs Taulava's ton after ton of field goal points when he could also equally score dud after dud of charities from the stripe?

Quick, call the doctor.

My choice?

None other than Bogs Adornado.

Bogs Adornado it was who transformed the Ateneo Blue Eagles into a mean, free throw shooting unit last year. Without Adornado's perseverance, Ateneo might not have won the UAAP crown last September at the expense of powerhouse La Salle. Needless to say, Adornado was instrumental in deflecting La Salle's bid for an unprecedented fifth straight title.

One of Ateneo's biggest gainers from Adornado's scientific approach at the art of free throw shooting was Eagle Enrico Villanueva, now a mainstay of Batang Red Bull. From a mere 40-percent shooter from the line, the 6-foot-5 Villanueva was astonishingly transformed by Adornado into an 80-percent free throw shooter in the UAAP wars.

"What I am today at the free throw line, I owe it to Sir Bogs," Villanueva told me when I saw him last summer.

Remember the Hack-The-Shaq strategy in the NBA?

It was invented by the opposition to force Shaquille "The Shaq" O'Neal to earn his points from the stripe by fouling him quickly the moment he got the ball.

The stripe was O'Neal's waterloo for years until a free throw instructor changed all that. Not long after, the opposition killed the ploy but even that did not stop the Los Angeles from winning three straight NBA titles. Shaq even went on to win MVP titles.

I can liken The Shaq to The Rock.

The Rock, of course, is the moniker of Asi Taulava, the 6-foot-8 center of Talk N' Text. The Rock is the personification of The Shaq of yesteryears, the perfect model of how not to shoot free throws. So gruesome is the mortality rate of Taulava's free throw shooting it rivals that of the passing percentage of bar examinees.

The free throws are also called charities.

With Taulava at the line, the charitable act is almost already reversed. Instead of sinking charities, Taulava gives away the charities to the opposing team in the form of consistently missed free throws.

Who was the coach who said one has no business being in basketball if he can't sink free throws?

If Game 2 was any indication, it showed how vulnerable Talk N' Text is. Coca-Cola doesn't have to be shown the kinks. They are there as plain as the blue sky, as real as the sea of emerald green.

Talk N' Text is at its weakest at crunch time since fouls, either given or not, become always material for the opposition.

You miss 7 free throws in a game, that's acceptable.

You miss 10 free throws, that's passable.

You miss 15 free throws, that's alarming.

But 20 of 41 free throws? In a championship series at that?

That's symptomatic of a deadly disease.

My advice is, Joel Banal had better go to a specialist. Now. As the ad says, if symptoms persist, consult a doctor.

And Joel doesn't have to look far.

The doc goes by the name William Adonardo. And since I couldn't talk to Joel, let me text him the doc's nickname: Bogs.

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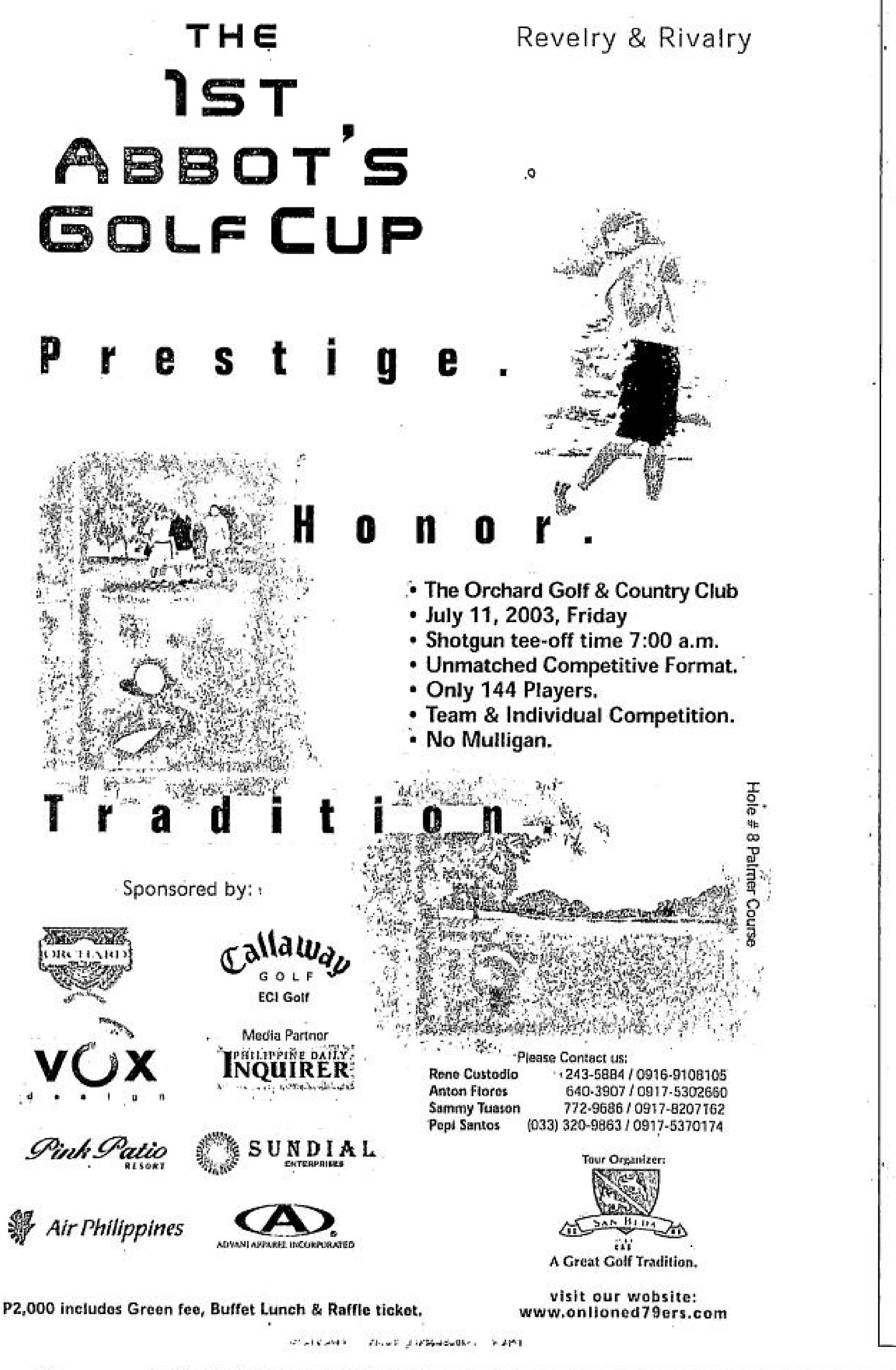
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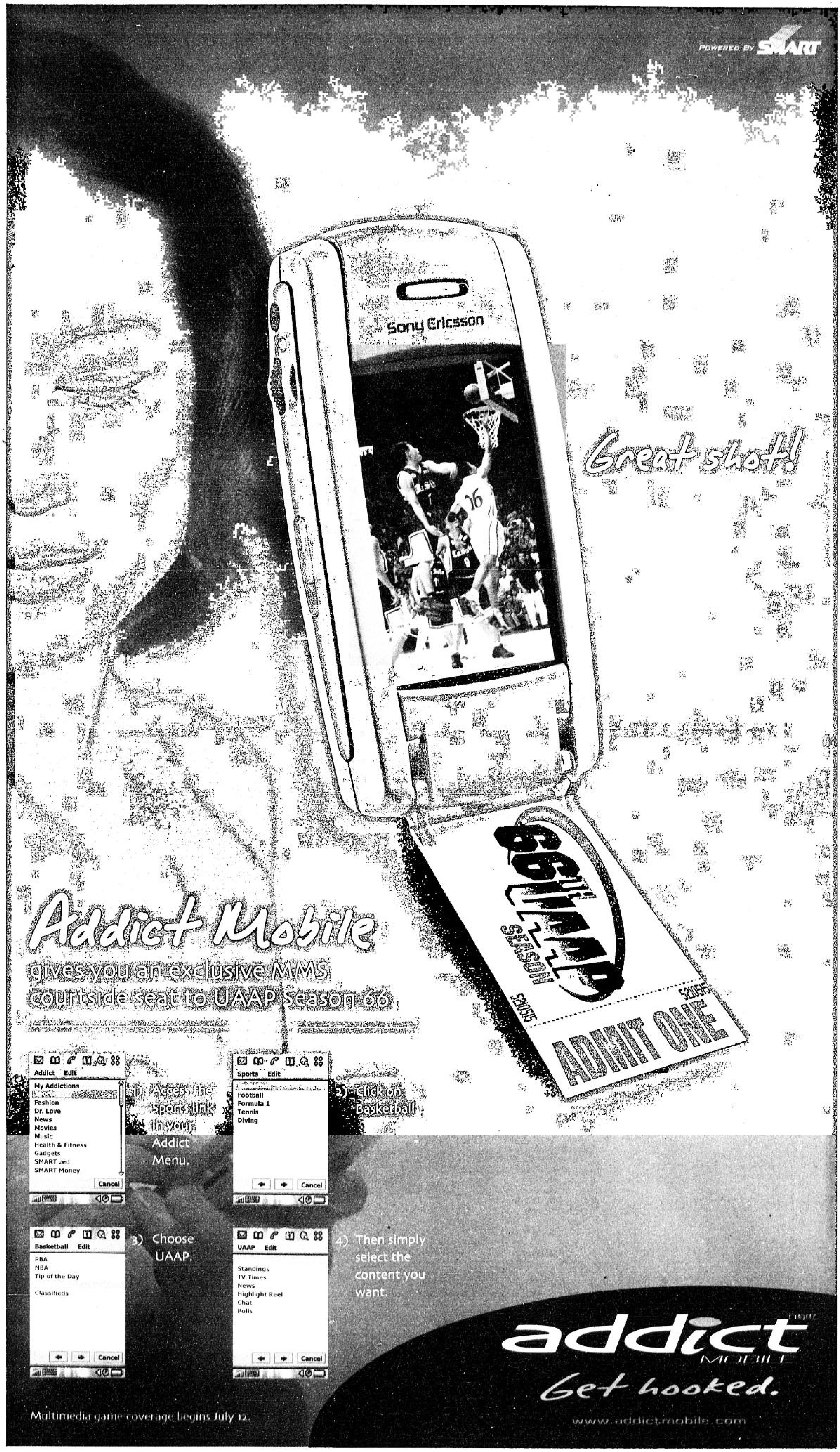
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☐Black
☐Red
☐White
☐Yellow
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7 > 30 Pts.

Why are the five Olympic rings colored blue, black, red, yellow and green?

ANSWERS/ A25

Prologue gets Tour going

PARIS—Lance Armstrong's hunt for a record-tying fifth win at the Tour de France, the punishing cross-country slog that reduces grown men to tears and has even killed them, begins Saturday with a quick dash.

Although only a blip compared to the more than 3,400 kilometers (2,100 miles) that await the Tour's 198 riders over the next three weeks, Saturday's 6.5-km (4.03-mile) sprint through Paris offers Armstrong an opportunity to draw first blood and stamp his authority over his rivals from the start.

The pedal-as-fast-as-you-can time-trial against the clock, called a prologue, starts at the Eiffel Tower and winds its way through the French capital's tree-lined boulevards, over cobblestones in places, to finish at the foot of the Champ de Mars, a park in the Eiffel Tower's shadow. *AP*

Red Sox score

NEW YORK—The Boston Red Sox hit a record seven home runs off the New York Yankees, and those weren't the only things flying into the stands.

David Wells tossed his glove and hat into the seats after getting tagged as the Red Sox played their own version of the Boston pops on the Fourth of July, powering past New York 10-3 Friday.

Switch-hitter Bill Mueller homered from both sides of the plate, Jason Varitek and David Ortiz each homered twice and Manny Ramirez also connected. *AP*

World slugfest on

BANGKOK—The World Amateur Championships, long regarded as a staging post for Olympic Games glory and riches in the professional fight game, will take to the ring here on Sunday.

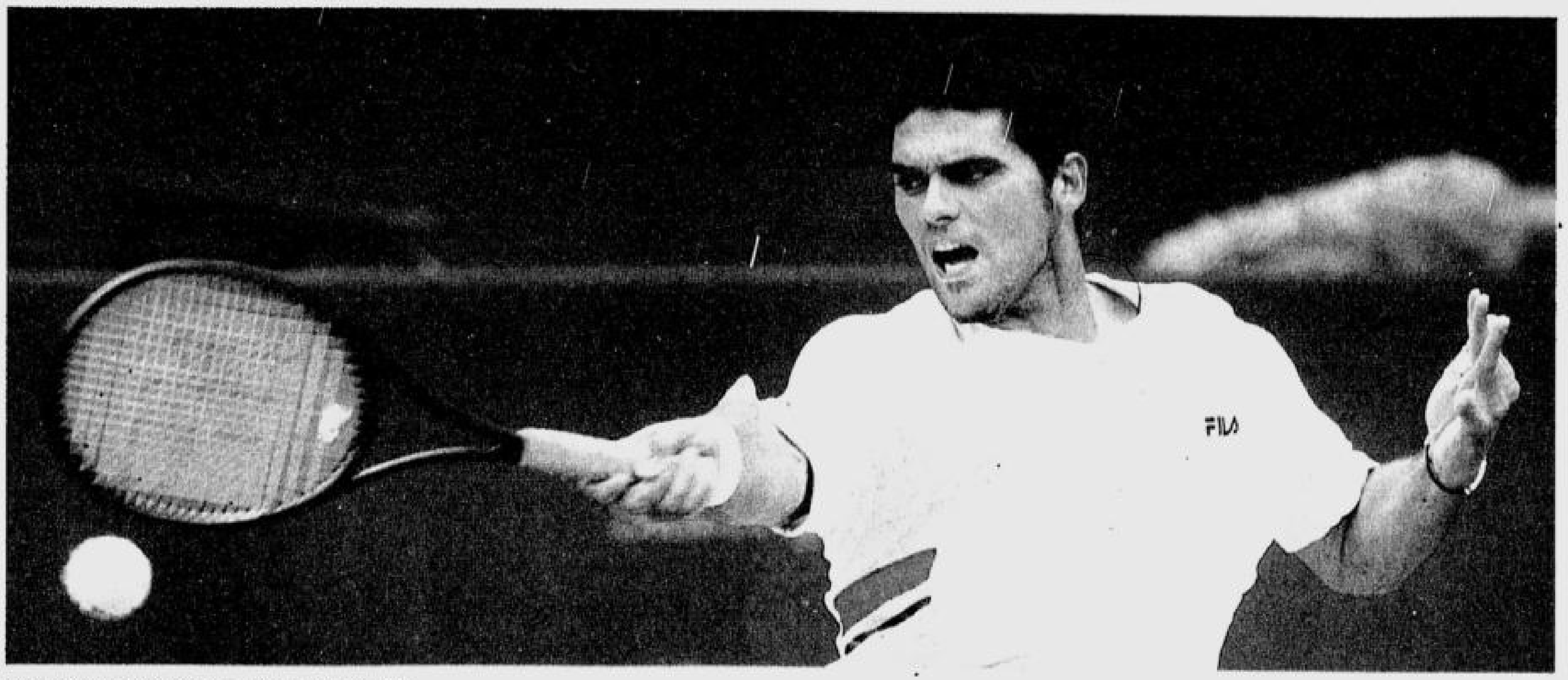
More than 500 boxers from over 50 countries will compete in 12 weight categories in the last major event before next year's Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. *AFP*

Anti-doping code

PRAGUE, Czech Republic—A new global code against doping in sports was approved Friday by the International Olympic Committee.

The World Anti-Doping Code, adopted in March by sports bodies and governments around the world, sets out uniform rules and sanctions for all sports and countries.

The code, drawn up by the World Anti-Doping Agency, was formally approved by acclamation on the final day of the IOC general assembly in Prague. *AP*



PHILIPPOUSSIS slams a return to Grosjean. REUTERS

FIRST-TIME FINALISTS

'Scud' targets Federer

WIMBLEDON, England—As Andy Roddick walked to his chair, two sets down and headed toward elimination at Wimbledon, he could only smile in admiration at the play of his opponent, Roger Federer.

"He's just playing very well," Roddick said. "On a couple of points, I felt like I put in really good points and was just on the losing end of them by a long shot."

Outserving Roddick and hitting winners from all over the court, Federer won their semifinal showdown Friday, 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3.

The No. 4-seeded Federer, the first Swiss man to reach a Grand Slam final, will play for the title Sunday against unseeded Australian Mark "Scud" Philippoussis, who overpowered No. 13 Sebastien Grosjean 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-3.

The final pairing might result in some entertaining tennis, never a given on grass. Philippoussis' single-minded, big-swinging game, which has produced 164 aces in six rounds, will be matched against Federer's stylish all-court approach.

Federer showed he could play on grass two years ago as a precocious 19-year-old, when he ended Pete Sampras' 31-match Wimbledon winning streak. This year he has won grass, hardcourt and claycourt titles, a testament to his versatility.

All that's left is the long-expected Grand Slam breakthrough.

"He's a true master of his class," three-time Wimbledon champion Boris Becker said. "He's playing tennis like they used to play–go back to Ilie Nastase.

"He can serve and volley at times, he can stay back, he plays the drop shot, he plays the slice, he really can play all shots. That's something we don't see that much anymore, and it's good that this kind of tennis is succeeding at Wimbledon."

For the No. 5-seeded Roddick, now 0-2 in Grand Slam semifinals this year, the beginning of the end came in the tiebreaker. He held a set point serving at 6-5 but put an easy forehand into the net.

"If I'd had an inch more height on it, the set probably would have been over," he said.

Instead, Federer won the set two points later, and pulled away from there.

Roddick tried a little showmanship, hitting a ball between his legs after it landed long. He tried arguing, briefly complaining when the chair umpire ruled a shot bounced twice before Roddick hit it.

But the match continued to slip away. Federer closed the second set on a long rally, moving smoothly from side to side before charging forward to put away a difficult half volley.

"Ridiculous," Roddick said. "I don't know if anybody else can do that shot. It was almost like he was doing a trick shot."

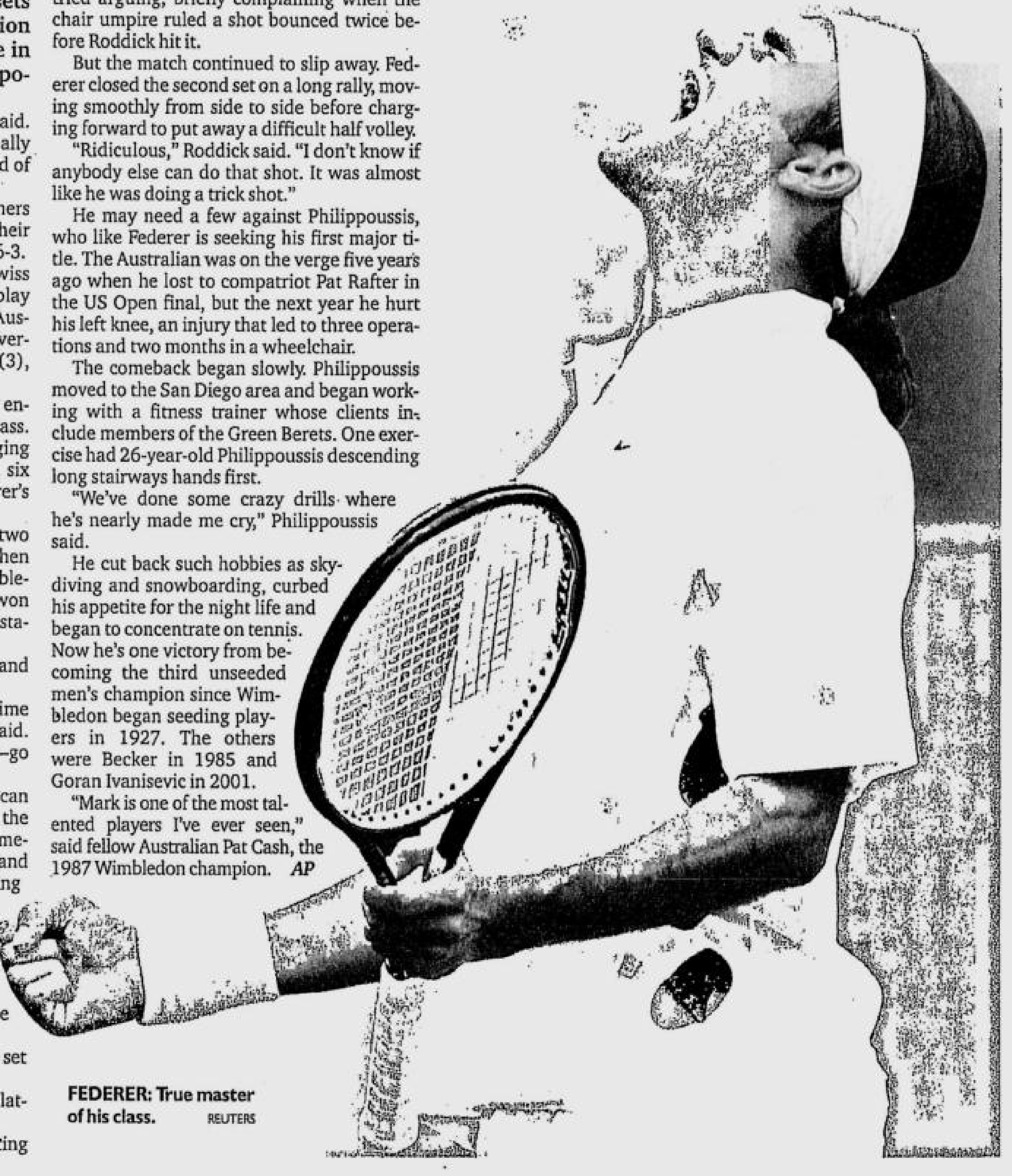
He may need a few against Philippoussis, who like Federer is seeking his first major title. The Australian was on the verge five years ago when he lost to compatriot Pat Rafter in the US Open final, but the next year he hurt his left knee, an injury that led to three operations and two months in a wheelchair.

The comeback began slowly. Philippoussis moved to the San Diego area and began working with a fitness trainer whose clients include members of the Green Berets. One exercise had 26-year-old Philippoussis descending long stairways hands first.

"We've done some crazy drills where he's nearly made me cry," Philippoussis said.

He cut back such hobbies as skydiving and snowboarding, curbed his appetite for the night life and began to concentrate on tennis. Now he's one victory from becoming the third unseeded men's champion since Wimbledon began seeding players in 1927. The others were Becker in 1985 and Goran Ivanisevic in 2001.

"Mark is one of the most talented players I've ever seen," said fellow Australian Pat Cash, the 1987 Wimbledon champion. *AP*



FEDERER: True master of his class. REUTERS

Name game

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

IS NAMING racehorses after sports personalities and movie stars now the fad among owners nowadays?

Kareristas have come across names like Serena, Venus, Hingis and Hantuchova. Iverson and Schumacher are two other known runners at present and so are Schwarzenegger and Stallone.

According to my Silip Boy, popular owner Hermie Esguerra will soon have gallopers named Kournikova, Philippoussis and Agassi.

Racing fans can expect more newcomers from his powerhouse stable.

My Silip Boy added that among the "rookies" from the Esguerra camp soon to grace the tracks include runners like Shock and Awe, Moab, Scud Missile and Hellfire, all named after the recent US-led war against Iraq.

This early, railbirds are already tagging Moab and Hellfire as future stars because of their impressive shows during morning workouts.

And speaking of Esguerra, his 6-0 start at the San Lazaro Leisure Park in Carmona, Cavite remains as the hottest topic among the *bayang karerista*.

"I think it will stand as a record for a long time at SLLP," said engineer Rizalino Mangubat, a long-time *racing fan* from Fairview, QC.

According to Mr. Mangubat, he noticed that Quezon City race buffs jam its various OTBs every time Esguerra Stable gallopers are seeing action.

The top crowd drawer, of course, is Wind Blown, followed by High Octane, Kayang Kaya, Adam's Call, Bulakeñna, Siete de Marso and Tatler Cover.

"Tomorrow (Sunday) Kayang Kaya is running so expect those OTBs to be jampacked again," Mangubat added as he joined the long line of bettors at the Mokong's Bar and Grill along Regalado Avenue yesterday.

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Reader Ed Banes of BF Homes, Parañaque has been bombarding us with his remarks about the SLLP lately. This time, Mr. Banes wrote back to say that most races are now starting on time the past few days at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

"Some races may be late by five or 10 minutes but it's obvious the SLLP people are trying their best *kahit na kakaunti pa lang ang benta*," he wrote.

He also lauded commentators/analysts Andy Sevilla, Howie "Penthouse" Basilio and Vince Trinidad for a job well done "even though their tips may not be of help to *kareristas* some of the time."

Compared to their Santa Ana counterparts, Andy, Howie and Vince, Mr. Banes said, are "far more knowledgeable."

And of course, he said that the guesting of Ira "Three and Fifty to Travel" Herrera was also a good move by the SLLP people.

"Hopefully, SLLP can guest professional handicappers who can help out the commentators whenever they are faced with a difficult race. I hope there will be more positive changes at the SLLP," Banes added.

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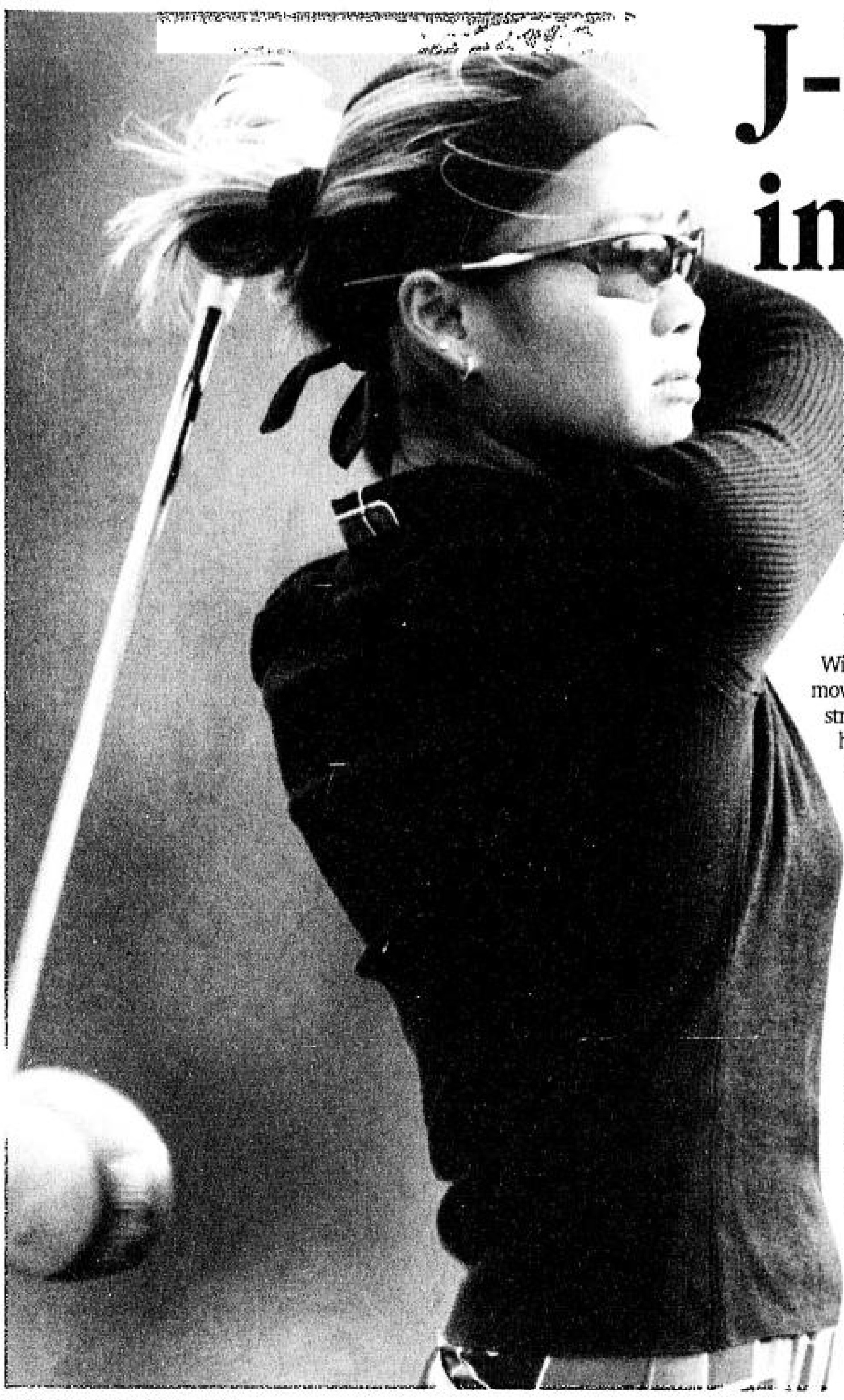
RACING TIPS

AT SLLP BY MR. 999

Race 1—1. You and Me 2. Touch of Luck 3. Manila Miss 4. Manila Mauler 5. Strong Contender
Race 2—1. Pabuya 2. Earth Angel 3. Dalidali 4. Noble Principality
Race 3—1. Kiss Me Quick 2. Maple My Love/JJ's Friend 3. May's Magic
Race 4—1. Dona Gelay 2. Real Diamond 3. E-Mail 4. Main Street
Race 5—1. Pep Talk 2. Samahan 3. Amuridik 4. Ninistar 5. Ahead of Time 6. Millennium Man
Race 6—1. Kayang Kaya 2. Throttle 3. All for Glory
Race 7—1. Strong Lady 2. All Powerful 3. Will to Fight 4. Joshua Tree 5. Patago
Race 8—1. Love Triangle 2. Voice of Destiny 3. Express Strike
Race 9—1. Ganda 2. Aprey's Choice 3. Steel Wheel 4. Colonial Affair 5. High Pitch 6. Bring Home D Bacon
Race 10—1. Princess Sophia 2. Count Your Blessings 3. Ponchito 4. La Signorina
Race 11—1. Musikero 2. Ikaw Pag-Asa Ko 3. Silver Dollar 4. Run Like D Wind 5. Red Thunder
Race 12—1. Mica's Magic 2. Harry's Up 3. Might and Power
Race 13—1. Hinoba-an Boy 2. Shuttle's Magic 3. Imperial Act 4. Assunta de Rio 5. Photogenic 6. Come in Glory

Williams upsets Greene

SAINT-DENIS, France —US champion Bernard Williams upstaged Olympic winner Maurice Greene in the 100 meters at the Gaz de France meet Friday. Williams won in 10.05 seconds, his best performance of the season, edging Nigeria's Deji Aliu in 10.07 and Greene in 10.11. *AP*



ROSALES: Tied for sixth.

GETTY IMAGES

J-Ro back in the hunt

By Jong Arcano

PORTLAND, Oregon—Battling painful blisters on both feet, a determined Jenny Rosales birdied the first two holes on the way to a two-under-par 69 Friday (Saturday in Manila) and a share of 15th place after three rounds of the $3-million US Women's Open golf championship here.

With a 143 total, J-Ro moved within seven strokes of the lead halfway through the biggest women's tournament in the world offering a champion's prize of about $530,000 (about P28 million).

The Fourth of July story of Mhairi McKay of Scotland made it clear to everybody that no big lead is safe at the Witch Hollow course of the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club course.

McKay was pulling away with a 4-under card through 17 holes until she got struck by a triple-bogey seven on the ninth where she finished.

McKay, thanks to a long putt, ended up with 70 for a 136 total and a four-stroke lead over American Juli Inkster, Angela Stanford and Hilary Lunke.

Rosales, teeing off from the back nine, needed just a par on the same vicious No. 9 to move back into a tie for sixth.

But she failed to get up and down after sending a 9-iron approach from the rough bouncing past the green for a bogey.

Rosales tees off at 10:30 a.m. Saturday (about 1:30 a.m. Sunday Manila time) with Aree Song, a member of the Youth Brigade which had even upstaged the big names of the LPGA like Annika Sorenstam and Se Ri Pak.

While the other youngsters Michelle Wie and Morgan Pressel joined the 60 survivors for the weekend action, two of the event's big draws, former champion Karrie Webb and long-hitting Laura Davies missed the cut.

Also making it by the skin of her teeth was Fil-Am Dorothy Delasin who grabbed one of the last five slots when she fired a 70 for a 149 total like Korean Se Ri Pak.

Annika Sorenstam stood at 144.

"Patience, patience and more patience," was what Rosales said keyed her comeback.

"I was feeling something very bad down my heels due to the blisters and I can tell you it was so close to becoming unbearable," Rosales said.

"But each stroke is so important so I made sure to execute each swing with my best effort and a lot of patience," added the Filipina, who had to walk with just her socks on at times to ease the excruciating pain on her foot.

The moment her 15-foot birdie putt on the 10th hole disappeared, Rosales felt she was in for a good round after her struggling 74 the other day.

She made another from eight feet on the next hole and then made a series of clutch putts to save par until she again hit the green on the 18th where she missed a short birdie attempt before a jampacked crowd.

Woods hangs on to Western lead

WOODS: Still pretty good.

REUTERS

LEMONT, Illinois—Tiger Woods got off to the kind of start that puts records in danger. By the end of the round, he was barely hanging on.

After birdies on three of his first five holes, Woods struggled to play the rest of his round at 1-over par, scratching out a 70 Friday. But with his competition falling off one by one, that was good enough to keep him in the lead at the 100th Western Open.

"If I would have played better and still shot this number, I would have been pretty hot," Woods said. "But the way I drove it on the back nine and some of the iron shots I hit in there, yeah, you're a little bit disappointed.

"I hung in there and I didn't shoot myself out of the tournament, and I kept myself there at the top of the board. So overall, it was still pretty good."

Woods was at 11-under 133 for the tournament. David Toms (69) was one shot back, and Cliff Kresge (68) and Scott Verplank (65) were two behind Woods.

Former Western Open champion Robert Allenby (67) was three strokes off the lead, while US Open champ Jim Furyk (66), Robert Damron (69), Mike Weir (70) and Heath Slocum (70) were all lurking at four shots back.

Vance Veazey, who began the day one shot behind Woods, had a round so up-and-down he had to be dizzy by the time it was over. He had bogeys on four of his first five holes, then four straight birdies to get to 10 under.

But he gave back five shots over his last seven holes, including a double-bogey on 18 after going into the water. He finished at 75, and was six strokes behind Woods. *AP*

Samsung Tour in Davao

JAY Bayron and Jun Bernis leaves for Davao City next week to join a band of low handicappers joining the second leg of the Samsung Amateur Golf Tour and Putting Challenge slated July 10 to 11 at the Rancho Palos Verdes Golf and Country Club course.

Co-sponsors of the event are Mario's Restaurant, Wilson, Gatorade, Tokyo Tokyo, Microtel, Custom Clubmakers and Dunlop Golf with radio stations Killer Bee, Citylite 88.3, Wave 89.1, 99.5 RT and 103.5 K-lite.

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Winners will qualify for the national grand finals slated at the Mt. Malarayat Golf Club in Lipa, Batangas next year.

SPORTSWATCH

Espejo, pals rule fishing

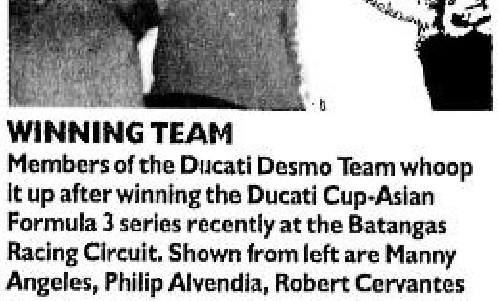
THE FOUR-ANGLER team of Standard Insurance branch managers Tony Espejo and Lito Macapinlac with Bong Nery Jr. and Rolando Buensalida emerged champions in the recent Standard Insurance Tuna Sportfishing Tournament of the Philippine Game Fishing Foundation (PGFF) in Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Rey Buencamino, Fish Finder Inc. president, topped the 6-leg Heavy Tackle Angler of the Year (HAOY) series as his team-up with PGFF and Standard Insurance president Judes Echauz, Amado Dy and Tina Bernasconi won second place with 922 points. Echauz fought one hour and 45 minutes to land the heaviest fish of the three-night event, a 66.8-kg yellowfin tuna. Bong Nery Jr. hooked the biggest swordfish at 39.9 kg. The PGFF Midyear Awards Night to honor top anglers of the first seven tournaments held January to June is set for July 22 at Somethin' Fishy in Eastwood City. For details, contact Camille James at PGFF tels. 373-0743/373-0248 or email pgff1940@yahoo.com.

Pastor brothers sparkle

ENZO Pastor sparkled during the second leg of the Asian Formula 3 Series 2003 recently at the Batangas Racing Circuit. The 2002 Asian Formula Renault champion, who drives for Team Tom's Fujitsu 10-Pagcor Sports-Petron Ultron Oil, came in second during the morning race and then handily ruled the afternoon race, setting the fastest lap time of one minute and 24.9 seconds. The performance was in stark contrast to his previous outing in Subic when his engine blew up during practice and put him out of the race. Last weekend, it was Don Pastor's turn to compete at the Johore Circuit in Malaysia, where the third leg of the inaugural Formula BMW Asia Series was held. The 17-year-old set a blazing time during the qualifying time trial to claim second on the grid .

2 Fistorama fights up

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama today features two spectacular matches as the show returns to its original time slot at 12 noon on RPN 9. The first fight (6 rounds) is between featherweights Edward Javier and Dowen Delatonga. It is followed by the lightflyweight bout of Benedict Suico and Jojo Pateno, also in six rounds. The fights were held recently at Malacañang Park as part of the celebration of the 105th anniversary of the Presidential Security Group. The popular weekly boxing show is produced by Joe Cantada Sport. The show is aired weekly in the United States, Australia, Japan, the Middle East and soon in Europe through ABS-CBN's Pinoy Central TV.



WINNING TEAM
Members of the Ducati Desmo Team whoop it up after winning the Ducati Cup-Asian Formula 3 series recently at the Batangas Racing Circuit. Shown from left are Manny Angeles, Philip Alvendia, Robert Cervantes and lone female member Love-Love Tioseco.

Jungolf series today

THE JUNIOR Golf Foundation of the Philippines will stage two tournaments in separate venues this month to start the school season series.

Jungolf president Gerry Handog said that the series, part of the Samsung Jungolf Tour, starts at the Villamor Golf Club today (July 6) with the Mt. Malarayat leg to follow the next Sunday (July 13).

SPORTS noodle

ANSWERS **From page A24**

1. True
2. Yellow
3. Golf (It's worn by the winner of the Masters)
4. A service vehicle is on the circuit
5. No. 12
6. Red
7. At least one of the five colors appears on every national flag in the world

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VELARDE at 38.

Professional photographer at 8 ; brand new car winner at 15

By Abigail L. Ho

HE did not come from a rich family. In fact, the young Mel Velarde, now president and chief executive of Next Mobile Phil. Inc., lived with his family in a rented apartment in Malate in the '60s.

FIRST JOB

But not having wealth made him aspire to have more in life.

At the tender age of eight, he had his first crack at business by helping his father, Meliton, with his photography work.

"We covered many important events but we also did weddings. I was the one manning the table that sold pictures to the guests. Our gross earnings from selling these pictures were split evenly between me and my dad," he fondly recalls.

His dad covered events for the administration of Diosdado Macapagal and even the 1971 Constitutional Convention. He let his children tag along with him to learn the tricks of the trade,

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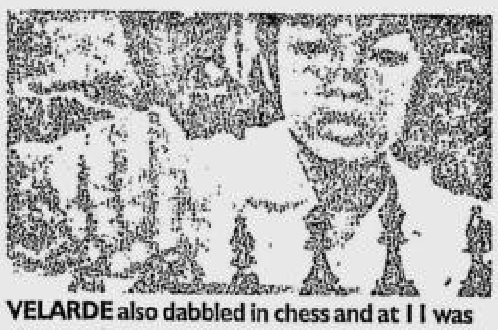

VELARDE also dabbled in chess and at 11 was chess and Game of the Generals champion.

Geologist finds mine in meat processing

By Michael B. Jaucian
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LEGAZPI CITY—Oscar "Boy" Destacamento, 54, a former geologist-explorer of the then Bureau of Mines, who had no business background, has established and propelled to growth the now-renowned and sought-after Juanito's meat and marinated products in the Bicol Region.

PINOY ENTREPRENEUR

Boy says that 19 years ago, he realize he would like to go into the food business, in particular, selling meat products.

He quit his job at the Bureau of Mines regional office in Daet, Camarines Norte, and shifted to food.

With only a P1,500-capital, Boy started with 50 kilograms of pork meat, which he delivered to friends, neighbors and government employees.

Later, Boy and his wife, Wendy, were forced to rent two stalls in the Legazpi public market because the demand was getting bigger.

Today, he is the only local concessionaire of Metro Gaizano, the biggest department store in Cebu, that has opened an outlet in Legazpi City's central business district, and the Liberty Commercial Center (LCC) Metro in downtown Legazpi.

He now supplies at least 1,000 kilos of meat, equivalent to 10 to 12 heads of swine and two heads of large cattle daily just to his clients.

To have a variety of meat products and to improve the taste of pork, Wendy attended a seminar on meat processing sponsored by the Technology and Livelihood Resource Center in Metro Manila.

When the couple started producing cold cuts and marinated products like sausages, the couple found that the Bicolanos love these food items.

They claimed that their products are easily sold and patronized because these do not contain genetically modified organisms.

"More importantly, the consumers like our slogans: 'We are local raisers,' and 'Katay araw-araw.'"

Variety of products

The products displayed and sold at the two big department stores here are chicken tocino and barbecue, pork tocino, embotido, meatballs, lumpiang shanghai, skinless pork longanisa, footlong sausage, smoked hamonado, burger patties, longanisa de Cebu, cold cuts and ground beef.

Boy says sometimes they run out of products because buyers coming from far provinces in Bicol like Catanduanes, Masbate, Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur visit and shop in Legazpi City during weekends.

When it comes to supply, however, the couple never worries because a livestock supplier from the third district of Albay in Ligao City, the Emerald Farm, and the backyard producers in Polangui town and in Sorsogon province are always ready to supply their demands.

When Boy was just starting, he suffered from stress for two years because of lack of sleep and tension.

When he set up the business, he had no helper. He would butcher the swine at two in the morning, then go to the market to sell the meat at 5 a.m.

He said there was a time when he almost gave up because of close competition and unpaid credits from customers.

"With prayers, perseverance, enlightenment from God, and encouragement from my beloved wife, I was able to cope with the manpower, collection, supplies and equipment problems," Boy recalls.

When the Metro Gaizano and LCC Metro started their operations several years ago, he was able to acquire the necessary equipment

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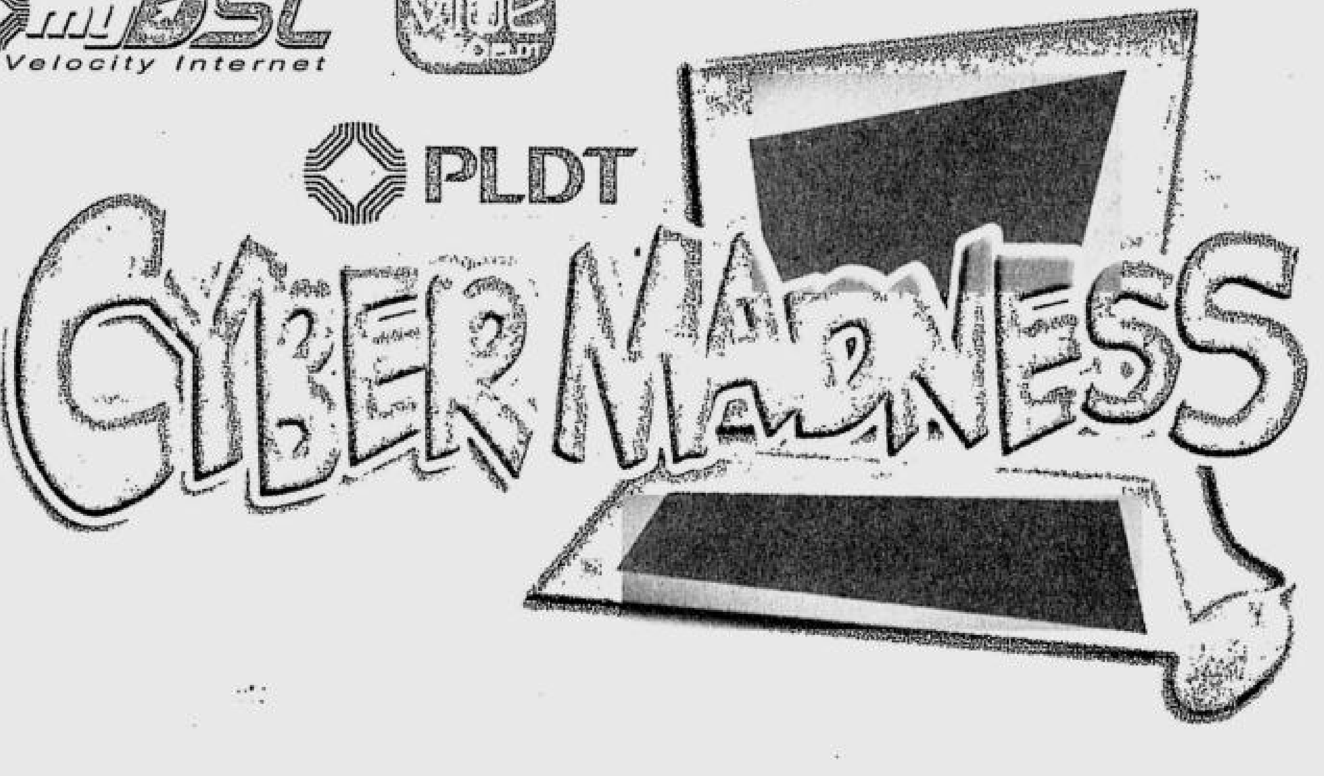

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Telcos try to hook Americans on text messaging

NEW YORK—It's worked in Europe and Asia—why not here?

Cell phone text messaging has exploded in popularity in the last few years overseas. Lovers use it to flirt; children to bully; sports fans to get scores. Employers have fired workers by text message, while for the Pope it's the delivery choice for a daily thought.

In fact, the short messaging service, or SMS, generated $15 billion in revenue in western Europe last year, according to the analysts at Strand Consult of Denmark.

Hungry for new revenue sources , US cell phone carriers have also been working hard to get their customers to type text with their phone keypads. One set of TV ads shows teens exchanging tart messages while standing right next to each other.

Getting Americans interested has been an uphill struggle. Yet there are signs of a warming.

US phones sent 1 billion text messages in December, up sharply from 253 million a year earlier, according to the Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association.

This spring, text messaging was boosted by a tie-in with the massively popular "American Idol" TV show. Sponsor AT&T Wireless allowed subscribers to message their votes, tallying up more than a million in the first 10 weeks of the competition.

"We're really trying to make SMS a real business," says AT&T's Jeremy Pemble.

Still, the first time Synge Maher sent messages to people in the US, it's often the first time they've ever received one.

The 27-year-old New Yorker exchanges sweet nothings with her boyfriend—a convenient and cheap way to keep in touch, she says.

She started "texting" after seeing, on a visit to London, how almost everyone in their 20s and 30s was doing it.

"They think it's so cool," she says. She finds messaging practical when she doesn't have the time to talk or doesn't want to raise her voice, as in the theater.

Maher used to have problems sending messages to friends who use other cell phone carriers, demonstrating one of the industry's failures.

It has only been possible for about a year to send text messages between US carriers. Before that, communication was largely restricted to other phones on the same carrier.

The carriers blamed differing technologies for the barrier. Others have suggested that they each tried to corner the market by "locking in" those who wanted to message each other.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world was quickly embracing the technology, sending more than 1 billion text messages a day last year, according to analysts at Telecom Trends International and French network operator Netsize.

In Europe, text message voting is a must for any reality TV show. In Norway, a country of 4.3 million people, an equivalent of "American Idol" received more than 3.3 million SMS votes this spring, according to Strand Consult of Denmark.

Of course, Europeans can vote for TV shows no matter what their carrier. AT&T Wireless only allowed their own subscribers to vote by text message, but other shows, like "Nashville Star" on USA Network, are opening up voting to multiple carriers.

"Nashville Star" used a third-party marketing firm to set up multi-carrier voting, but that could become unnecessary as carriers overcome their natural reluctance to cooperate. Verizon Wireless has invited other carriers to adopt a set of short codes that stand for each TV network. *AP*

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Geologist finds mine in meat processing

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for meat processing.

He relates that when he ventured in this business, the only things he had were a bolo, a knife and an ordinary meat grinder that cost P6,000 ten years ago.

Now, Boy has acquired first-class equipment in meat processing like the bonesaw cutter, meat slicer, three meat grinders, mixer, ice crasher, cashier for sausages, digital weighing scales and walking freezer, which according to him cost almost P1 million.

With their successful business, Boy and his wife were able to provide for the needs of their children who finished their studies at exclusive schools in Metro Manila.

For relaxation, Boy says he looks at his antique collections or goes boating with his family.

Sometimes, he distributes free Bible copies in hotels, jails, military camps, hospitals and schools. He is an active member of Gideon International, an association of Christian businessmen and professionals.

Oscar Arquero, one of the regular meat slicers of the Destacamentos, says the couple is kind-hearted.

"In my one year of working with the Destacamentos, my co-employees and I found out that they are very accommodating, especially in times of emergency and financial crisis," Arcuero says.

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JUANITO'S sells its meat products as a concessionaire at the Metro Gaisano and LCC Metro in Legazpi City.

Professional photographer at 8 . . .

NATIONAL Quiz and current events champion, "Spin a Win," winning a brand new Toyota at 15.

WORLD's youngest professional photographer at 8, awarded by Supreme Court Justice Felix Makasiar.

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and it was here that Mel had his first share of the spotlight.

At eight, Mel was recognized as one of the world's youngest professional photographers. While most kids his age were playing tag on the streets, he was taking pictures of important people in important events.

Photography was not the only activity that caught his fancy. He also dabbled in chess and actually excelled in it.

At 11 years old, he became one of the youngest masters of the game.

And when he was 15 he was the National Quiz and Current Events Champion of the '70s game show "Spin a Win." He won a car.

In college, Mel started to do more work for others. At 19, he was president of the Filipino Youth Party and was invited as a speaker in the United Nations.

Barely out of his 20s, he helped organize the ABS-CBN news team. At 26, he and the late Eugenio Lopez Jr. founded the country's dominant cable operator, SkyCable.

At 34, he sold his shares in the cable firm to fund his own business—a two-way broadband satellite Internet service provider called One Virtual Corp.

In 2001, he engineered the buyout of Nextel Communications Philippines Inc., an ailing digital trunk radio service provider that was losing around P4 million a month.

Leading a group of Filipino and foreign nationals in the $200-million buyout, Mel says he just saw an opportunity to turn the company around, so he grabbed it.

It expects to be in the black by next year.

Next Mobile services firms like Federal Express, Coke, San Miguel Corp., Victory Liner and the Philippine National Construction Co.

It is also providing services to government agencies and other organizations.

As head of Next Mobile, Mel looks back to his photography days which taught him the value of discernment.

Balancing act

Turning an ailing company around was no easy task. Mel had to have a good pool of employees to back him up. These employees did not just fall on his lap.

He says he had to strike a balance between giving his executives leeway and mentoring them.

"As a leader, I want to harness the aspirations of others. But I have to strike a balance. I don't want to baby executives as I want to empower them. I also want to mentor them at the same time. It really depends on their personality," he says.

Some young executives, he explains, needed some guidance and reassurance before making difficult decisions and executing tough moves for the firm.

Others, on the other hand, wanted to be challenged and mostly left on their own.

For him, helping people reach their full potential, with or without his guidance, becomes essential.

Teaching them how to fish

No individual could reach the pinnacle of his potential unless he learned to take risks, grab opportunities and, of course, master his craft.

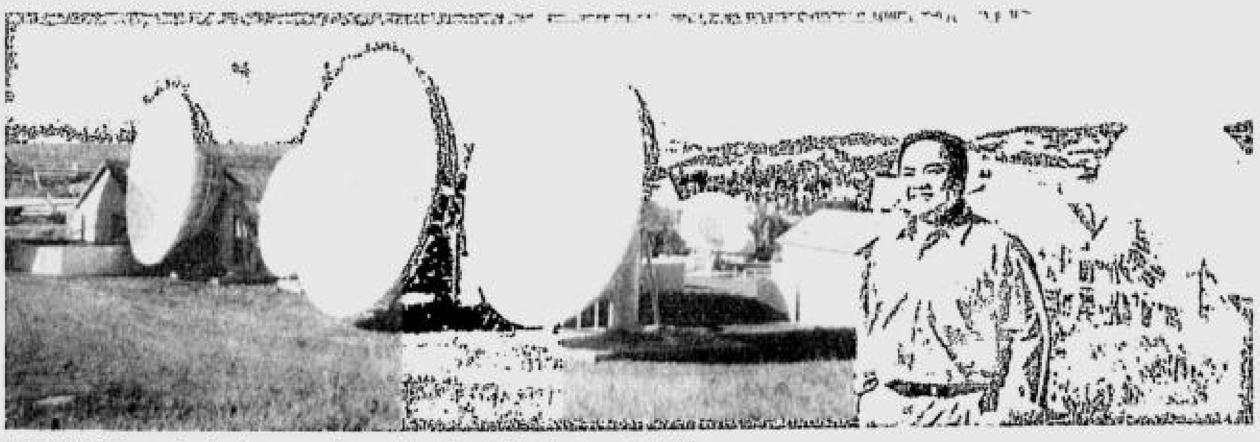
What photography, cable television and telecoms taught me is that there are always new ways of creating wealth. And when you work with people, you want to send a message to them that there's something worth pursuing," Mel says.

AT 19, Velarde was invited by the UN to speak to the International Youth Leaders Conference. He was then president of the Filipino Youth Party.

"The telecom deregulation, for example, gave opportunities for non-COOs (children of owners).to come in and be entrepreneurial. There are actually a lot of new names now in the (information and communications technology) industry. It's just a question now of how these opportunities should be distributed," he adds.

In Next Mobile, training for both executives and rank-and-file are regularly held to equip them with more skills and knowledge that they can use in their jobs as well as in their personal lives.

"Our best investment is in people. In the knowledge economy, he who learns the fastest wins. If my people leave to put up their own businesses, I can even invest in what they do. Here, small entrepreneurs don't get support. We need to give them that support," he says.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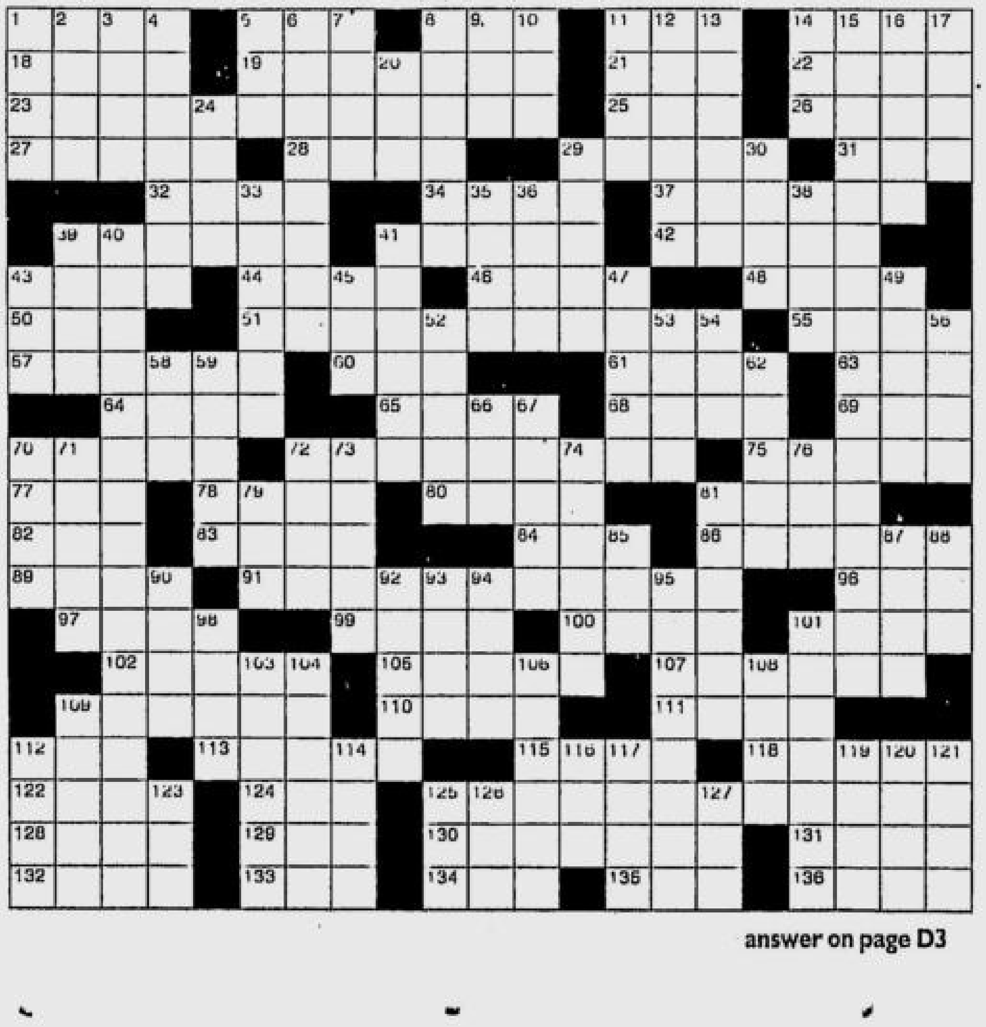

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Upgrading the PR profession in the Philippines

By Dante M. Velasco
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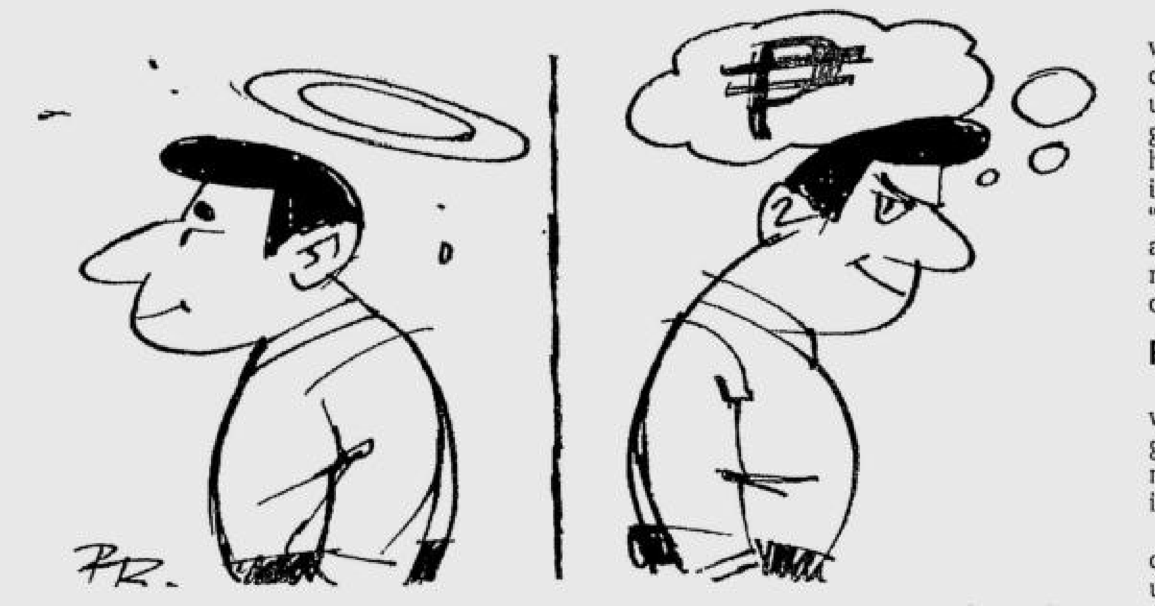


YOU mention "public relations" within local circles, and some people—even well-meaning ones—say, "Ah you are like so and so who works for this politician, or who paints black white—and vice versa."

More names and mistaken identities are assigned to PR experts. Understandably, they identify such adjectives to high-profile practitioners whose practices, fortunately and more unfortunately, limit the public's view of public relations.

You get out of the country, speak to corporations in Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, the United States and any country in Europe—and you get a different picture.

A public relations professional is simply that: professional. He comes by other names like: corporate communicator, public affairs expert, public communicator, advocacy professional, etc.

Multinationals who establish operations in this country experience some "culture shock" when they are "briefed" about how PR is practiced locally—from an unsavory introduction to "envelopmental journalism" to a scary realization of people who practice "AC/DC"—not your gender issue variety—but the "attack and collect, then defend and collect" opportunistic syndrome.

For the uninitiated, this means that one person subjects a company to attack under the sponsorship of a rival or competitor, and then turns around and offers the same firm to go through the charade of "defending" it, and then collecting a defense fee in the process.

You say this is despicable? Yes it is. You ask if this is limited to a few? Yes to that, too.

But such exceptions have given a bad time to an otherwise prestigious profession which has built corporate empires around the globe—like Hill & Knowlton, Burson Marsteller, Edelman and Ogilvy, to name a few.

The practitioners of public relations in this country have, in fact, seen this problem some time ago. The Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP), has organized the PR Accreditation Board to spearhead the effort to shield the profession from nefarious influences of practitioners who cross the boundaries between the ethical and the unethical.

A talk with PRSP President Winston Marbella and PR Congress chair Jones Campos revealed how serious the issue has become—and so they have decided to call a members' meeting to take the bull by the horns, especially on expanding the concept of accreditation, providing more teeth to enforcing high PR standards—both within the context of professional self-regulation.

Certainly, the many sides of the PR professional—the good, the bad and the ugly—will be brought to fore in that meeting.

PR as good news

The good side of this sometimes misunderstood, at times underrated and a few times well-loved professional is manifested in many ways.

He is your "Communication Strategist"—resident or on-call—who is ready to give the firm a well-thought communication component to any corporate strategic plan. He is both your quintessential manager and hands-on tactician who can read, for example, an expansion plan or project installation with the trained eye of a communicator.

This professional is also your "Excellent Truth Teller," one who adheres to the tenet of "truth well told." You would know the difference between the real and the pseudo professional—since the real one has the ability to get to the essence of things and bring out the best out of them—and so tell the truth well.

Mediocre communicators would take the easy way out—tell their firms to tell a lie, when telling the truth is much better—that is if you can do the latter exceedingly well. The dictum, "Truth is the best defense," still rings true. You just need a tried and tested truth teller to do it with success.

You also have an "Advocacy Expert"—he who has well-developed persuasive skills and a carefully nurtured base of allies who "tell your story" or "take up your cause" to industry or government policy or decision makers.

You want the business community to adopt your corporate posture on an issue? You need this "advocate." You need to bring to the attention of a regulator or the legislator a policy that stunts the growth of the industry or that does injustice to a sector? The advocacy expert can define the issues and can harness forces to promote your cause.

To media, the PR professional is a "reliable news source." The corporate world, many times, speak with a language all its own—whether it uses unintelligible "jargon," or it is afflicted with disease called "corporatese."

This world of fortified walls—real or virtual—also decides and acts in ways not quite understandable to media and the general public. The professional, honed in the business and trained in management, proves useful in "decoding" what are otherwise abstruse, mysterious or downright nonsense to outsiders and to our media gatekeepers.

PR as bad news

He is called a "Spin Doctor"; he who has the uncanny ability to give a "spin" to an event. If it's mediocre, it is made to look great; if it's bad, it is "actually" good.

Or he is your resident or on-call "manipulator." It is he who uses the dark side of persuasion, using Pavlovian techniques (remember Pavlov used it on dogs!) to get people or organizations to act according to the manipulator's objective.

He is the "demolition man," who offers a bag of tricks and a network of contacts for clients who want to pounce on any personal or business adversary, armed with invented issues or unflattering personal secrets.

Who is a PR professional?

The Public Relations Society of America (PRSA)—to which PRSP is affiliated—has a definition of public relations. It is paraphrased here to define the PR professional, thus:

The "public relations (professional) helps our complex, pluralistic society to reach decisions and function more effectively by contributing to mutual understanding among groups and institutions. (He) serves to bring public and public policies into harmony."

A book calls it a "management function that helps achieve organizational objectives, define philosophy, and facilitate organizational change."

The world's best practices in public relations view practitioners as those who "communicate with all relevant internal and external publics to develop positive relationships and to create consistency between organizational goals and social expectations." These are textbook definitions, but they are useful to illustrate the value the world's corporations place on the profession.

One thing stands out in the definition. They view PR as promoting "harmony." You may find this alien to our public perception of PR—since media show us conflict-driven campaigns among protagonists, usually locked in a "word war."

Practitioners may well re-examine this profession if it indeed contributes to harmony. In an Asian Public Relations Congress held many years ago here in the Philippines, a speaker asked a thought-provoking question: "What is the social value of public relations professionals?"

Then, he said: "Doctors heal the body, lawyers make justice possible, teachers nurture the mind, poets express the nation's soul, engineers build edifices. What's the contribution of PR professionals?"

There was silence. A few attempted some answers. And then the speaker said: "The PR professional builds harmony among people and organizations."

When a central truth is expressed, it touches the core. That one statement has placed the profession on a loftier ground. From that perch, the professional can see what's wrong—and then what's right with this misunderstood, but valuable, field.

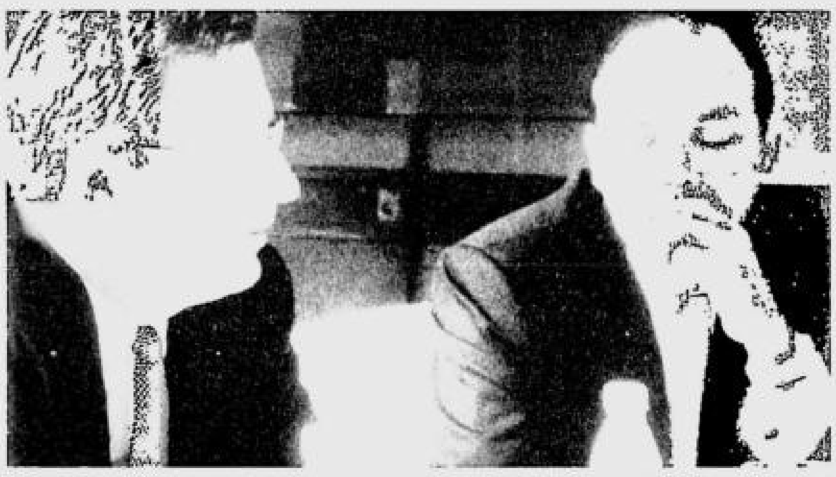
And that would be a good beginning.

(The author is a PR practitioner who heads Creative Point)

CEOs tackle investor confidence

BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Rafael B. Buenaventura cited the country's present stable exchange rate, low inflation and interest rates, and firm monetary policy as some of the key reasons that investors have found positive about the Philippines. These, along with the Department of Trade & Industry's sector-focused and company-specific industry development strategy, should promote the Philippines as a major investment destination.

Chief executive officers (CEOs) shared the same optimism as they gathered at the CEO Breakfast Forum organized by UK-based Standard Chartered Bank in celebration of its "Customer Week." The Bank's CEO for the Philippines, Simon Morris, emphasized the bank's 131-year history in the country, as a testimony of its long-term investment for the development of the Philippines and its people. This is continuing with a multi-million dollar investment in a new operating platform.



MICHAEL Templeton (Leighton) and Indreen Naldoo (Pru Life UK)

In the forum, a number of CEOs reenforced the need for the Department of Trade and Industry, among others, to continue to emphasize the many positive aspects of doing business in the Philippines. A key element of this is to highlight the various meaningful experiences many multi-nationals have in the Philippines.

Morris concluded the Forum by reiterating Standard Chartered Bank's new tagline of "The Right Partner" and confirming that the Bank considers the Philippines as "The Right Partner" and a very good place to do business in.

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SIMON Morris and BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura.

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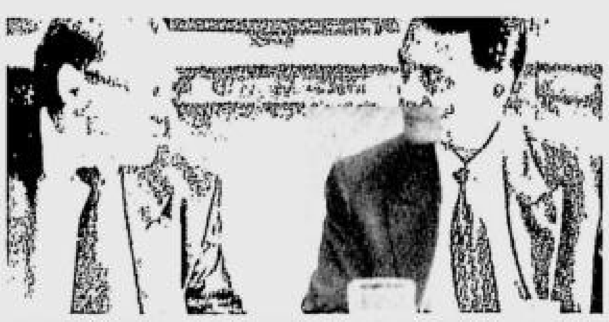


JEREMY Cliff (Spex) and Mike Aguilar, SCB's head of global markets.

ROLANDO Tanchanco (CEO, AIG Credit Card), SCB CEO Simon Morris, BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura, SCB Corporates & Institutions Country Head Navneet Singh, Alfredo Pascual (Director - Private Sector Operations of Asian Development Bank), and Allan Morell (Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade).

ARCHITECT Jose Siao Ling, Alfonso Reyno, SM's Antolin Paule, DA Abcede's JR Obfende, Asuncion Fugoso, Hans Sy, Miles Roces, Lito Atienza and Henry Sy Jr.

Mall to rise in historical site

TAIPAN Henry Sy sticks to his plans of opening at least two SM malls every year.

The most recent groundbreaking was in San Lazaro, site of a future SM Supermall at the Manila Jockey Club.

Local officials were present for the occasion led by Mayor Joselito Atienza, Councilors Miles Roces, Asuncion Gugoso and Manuel Zarcal.

Manila Jocky Club executives Alfonso Reyno, Martin Cepeda and Henry Kahn were at hand.

SM executives included Henry Sy Jr., Hans Sy and the mall's engineering and construction team.

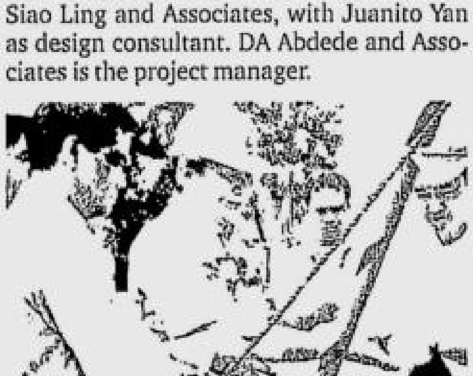
SM City Lazaro is expected to be completed next year. Manila Jockey Club is one of the oldest racing clubs and the first in Southeast Asia. It was formed in the summer of 1867 by a group of sportsmen led by Jose de la Gandarra y Navarro, then the Spanish Governor General of the Philippines.

It has evolved to become the place for horse racing enthusiasts until it was decided to move the track to Laguna and convert the Manila Club into a mixed-use commercial complex.

SM City San Lazaro will have 150,000 square meters and will have the SM Department Store, SM Supermarket, Toy Kingdom, ACE Hardware, Watsons, Surplus Shop and 250 retailers.

MANILA Jockey Club director Martin Cepeda, MJC president Alfonso Reyno and SM Prime SVP for Operations Hans Sy.

SM City San Lazaro was designed by Jose Siao Ling and Associates, with Juanito Yan as design consultant. DA Abdede and Associates is the project manager.



MAYOR Atienza and Henry Sy Jr. lead the capsule laying. The capsule contains the newspaper of the day, the plans for the mall and coins of the time.

SM's Riqui Raymundo, Henry Sy Jr and MJC's Henry Kahn.

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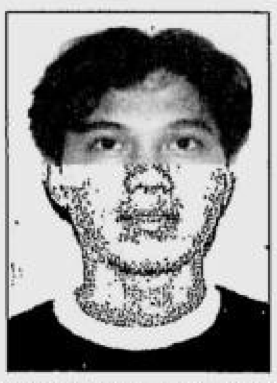

MR. ZOSIMO A. PENAFLOR

Be informed that **Mr. Zosimo A. Penaflor** whose picture is shown above is wanted for Frustrated Homicide (Criminal Case No. 17091-R). RTC, 1st Judicial Branch 7, Baguio City has standing Warrant of Arrest against this person . Any information on his whereabouts must be immediately reported to Tel Nr. (074) 447-36-89 or to the nearest Military or Police station.

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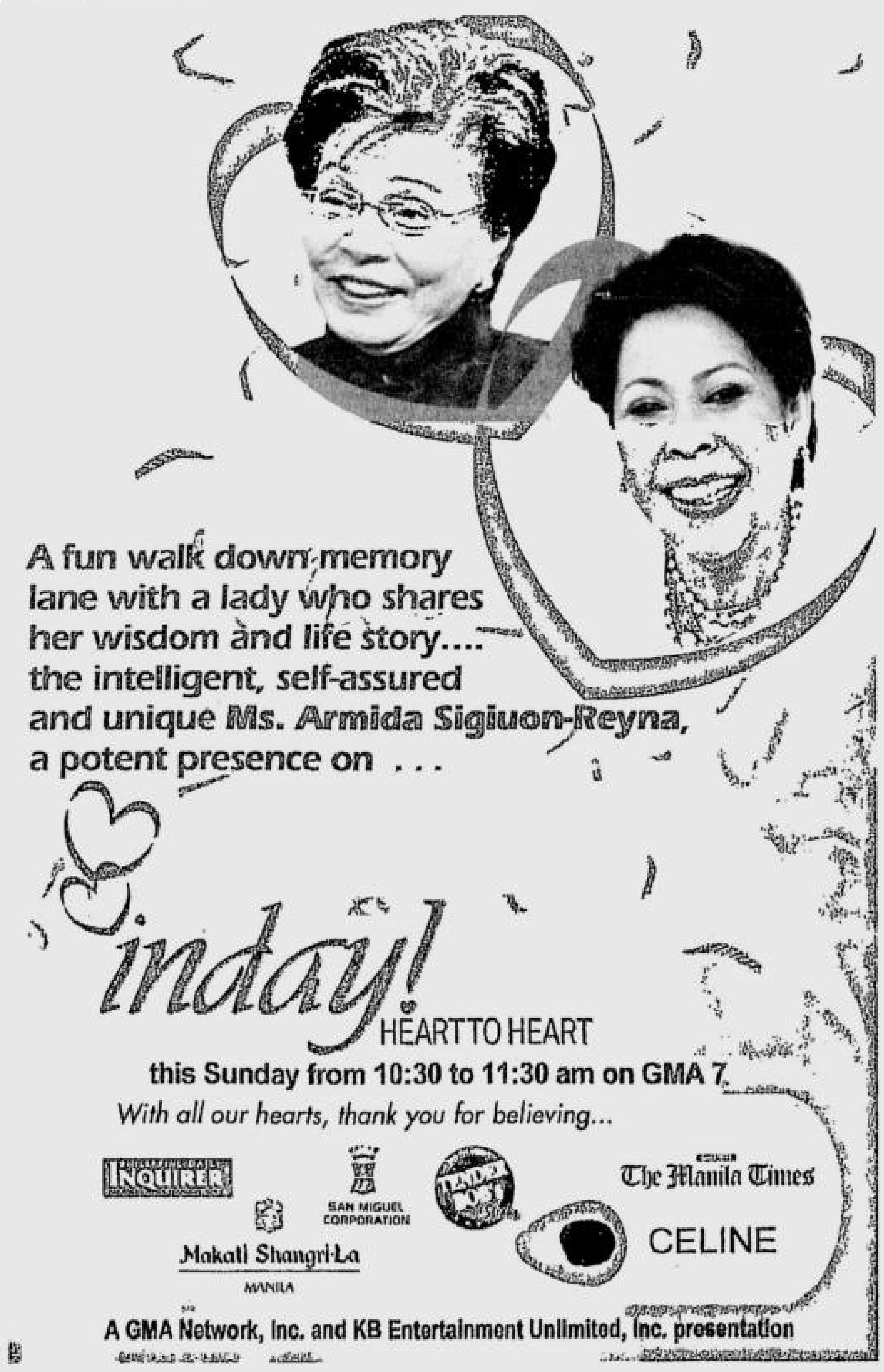

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BIDS & AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

In compliance with Executive Order No. 40, the **PHILIPPINE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK, INC.** is extending its earlier invitation to interested and qualified bidders to pre-qualify and bid for the bank's computerization project for the implementation of CASA/GL/ATM System and ATM EFT Switch Solution.

The pre-qualification documents/forms can still be secured from the BAC Secretariat, Philippine Postal Savings Bank Inc., 2nd Floor PostalBank Center, Liwasang Bonifacio, Manila until **July 18, 2003.** The pre-bid conference is scheduled on **July 25, 2003** and the Submission and Opening of Bids is on **August 08, 2003** at the PPSB Board Room, Postal Bank, Liwasang Bonifacio, 1000 Manila, respectively.

Bidders who have already submitted their pre-qualification documents within the first deadline earlier given may, if they desire, correct/revise said documents should said bidders find it necessary, and re-submit the documents on or before **July 18, 2003.**

The Bank reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any defects or informalities contained therein or accept the offer/bid considered most advantageous to the bank.

Participation in the bidding is not a guaranty for an award of the contract.

(Sgd.) **POMPEYO E. REQUINTA JR.**
Chairman, BAC

(PDI – July 6, 2003)

NOTICE

This is to inform the public that Product Equipment Resources & Trading, Inc. (PERT, Inc.), a corporation duly organized under the existing rules and regulations of the Philippines, with business address at Brgy. Tingub, Mandaue City 6014, Cebu, owned and managed by the following Board of Directors:

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July 1, 2003

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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	DESCRIPTION	PLATE NUMBER
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2.	TOYOTA HI-ACE	FAL-101
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4.	FORD FIERA	DGA-604
5.	ISUZU VAN	TEZ-705
6.	TRUCK (10 wheeler)	PPA-752
7.	BUS (Florida)	BYB-372
8.	PUJ	(no plate no.)
9.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	NBC-744
10.	TRUCK (forwarder)	PBK-310
11.	PUJ	DEY-763
12.	PUJ	(no plate no.)
13.	ISUZU ELF (6 wheeler)	PDC-253
14.	PUJ	(no plate no.)
15.	PUJ	NVB-621
16.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	CBV-877
17.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	NPG-904
18.	TRUCK (6x6)	CAC-931
19.	CLOSED VAN (6 wheeler)	NHV-826
20.	TRUCK (10 wheeler)	TBR-316
21.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	DAH-630
22.	TRUCK	DCW-142
23.	PUJ	DBW-250
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25.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	NJG-947
26.	ISUZU ELF (6 wheeler)	CCE-510
27.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	NAG-227
28.	TRUCK (10 wheeler)	(no plate no.)
29.	TRUCK (10 wheeler)	DCS-529
30.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	NTR-177
31.	PUJ	DDJ-772
32.	DUMP TRUCK	DGU-528
33.	TRUCK (10 wheeler)	TAU-543
34.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	DCP-755
35.	TRUCK (6 wheeler)	BBA-578
36.	TRUCK	(no plate no.)

Legitimate owners of these abovementioned confiscated vehicles should notify this office of any protest, appeal or request within 10 days upon publication of this notice, otherwise this office will proceed with the public auction/bidding of these vehicles in accordance with existing government accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

(Sgd.) **DR. ROLANDO L. METIN**
Undersecretary for Management and Technical Services

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For further inquiries, please contact Ms. Carmela M. Ocasion (cp# 09196239902) or Ms. Cleopatra O. Palencia (cp# 09163021735) with Tel. Nos. 925-2401 locals 3234, 3235, 3236 & 3237 and Telefax 926-9622,or you can email to oer@phc.gov.ph

(PDI - June 29, July 6, 13 & 20, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) Caraga Region
Agencia Española de Cooperacion Internacional (AECI)
CARAGA FOOD SUFFICIENCY PROJECT (CFSP) PHASE I
Nimfa Tiu Building, J. Rosales St., Butuan City
Telefax: 085-3417685

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Caraga, through the Caraga Food Sufficiency Project, a Spanish Government-funded development intervention, is now inviting all interested consulting firms/NGOs based and currently operating in Caraga Region, to apply for eligibility and to bid for the implementation of the:

CONSULTING SERVICES ON
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FOR FARM LEVEL GRAINS CENTERS (FLGCs)
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION

The consulting services will involve organizing, developing and strengthening the institutional structures that will govern and operationalize FLGC projects in the municipalities of Sta. Josefa and Prosperidad, both in Agusan del Sur, and Jabonga, Agusan del Norte.

The consulting services for the Sta. Josefa FLGC, which will cover the period August 2003 to September 2004, will be implemented ahead of the Prosperidad and Jabonga projects, and, consequently, its bidding process will also be ahead of the other two. However, the pre-qualification process for the three shall be conducted simultaneously.

The eligibility requirements and bid documents will be available at NEDA Caraga CFSP Office (c/o Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat) starting June 30, 2003.

Interested bidders are requested to submit their eligibility requirements not later than 5:00 PM of **July 11, 2003**. The conduct of eligibility check will be done at 9:00 AM of **July 14, 2003**, after which, requests for technical and financial proposals will be sent to eligible bidders.

Deadline for submission of the bid/technical and financial proposals for Sta. Josefa FLGC will be on **July 25, 2003**, 5:00 PM and opening of the bid will be done on the same day. Two budget for the consulting services for the Sta. Josefa FLGC project is One Million Two Hundred Thousand Pesos (P1,200,000).

Bidding for consulting services for Prosperidad and Jabonga FLGC projects will be announced later.

NEDA Caraga/CFSP reserves the right to waive any formality in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. It also reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, declare a failure of bidding, or decide not to award the contract. It makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) **CARMENCITA S. COCHINCO**
Regional Director

(PDI – June 29 & July 6, 2003)

PNOC

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY
PNOC Building VI, Energy Center
Merritt Road, Fort Bonifacio, M.M.
Tel. No.: 812-6209 / 840-1440

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The PHILIPPINE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (PNOC) invites accredited Suppliers-Contractors to submit sealed bids for the following requirements:

Project Title	Pre-bid Meeting	Pre-Qual Deadline	Bid deadline
Messengerial Services	July 15, 2003 (2:00 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 12, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Custodial Services (Janitors/Plumber/Carpenter) for the PNOC Building	July 15, 2003 (2:30 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 14, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Custodial Services (Janitors) for the PNOC Bauan Housing-Batangas	July 15, 2003 (3:00 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 14, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Security Services (M.Mla. Properties)	July 17, 2003 (2:00 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 19, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Security Services (Provincial Properties)	July 17, 2003 (2:30 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 19, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Pest Control Services (PNOC Building)	July 22, 2003 (2:00 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 21, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Pest Control Services (PNOC Housing-Batangas)	July 22, 2003 (2:30 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 21, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Maintenance of Fire Protection System	—	August 1, 2003	August 26, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Maintenance of PABX System	—	August 1, 2003	August 26, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Supply of Purified Drinking Water/Water Dispenser	—	August 1, 2003	August 26, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Photocopying Services (Copier-Rental)	—	August 1, 2003	August 26, 2003 (2:00 PM)
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One (1) year Internet Leased Line Connection Service	July 24, 2003 (2:00 PM)	August 1, 2003	August 28, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Shuttle Services (2 buses)	July 22, 2003 (3:00 PM)	August 1, 2003	September 2, 2003 (2:00 PM)
Canteen Concessionaire	July 24, 2003 (2:30 PM)	August 1, 2003	September 2, 2003 (2:00 PM)

Interested ACCREDITED parties may obtain bid forms upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00 per bid package from the PNOC - Property and Supply Management Division (PSMD) at the G/F of the PNOC Building.

Interested parties who are not yet accredited must first pass the pre-qualification process. Pre-qualification documents-checklist is available (M-F, 9am-3pm) at the said address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P100.00, which must be accomplished and submitted to PSMD on or before the set deadline. Failure to prequalify would render the concerned parties automatically disqualified from this bidding.

For purposes of clarifying issues, interested parties are encouraged to attend the pre-bid meeting as scheduled.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security equivalent to 10% of the total bid price but not to exceed ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (P100,000.00), secured from any one of PNOC's accredited bonding companies.

The PNOC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or parts thereof, to waive formality therein or to accept such bids or to award any work that are considered most advantageous to the company.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. PEDRO A. AQUINO, JR.**
Senior Vice President
Legal, Admin & Estate Mgt. Services

(PDI – July 6 & 7, 2003)

PHILIPPINES 2000

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City
Telephone Nos. 931-8101 to 07

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan No. ADF 1607

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institutions/agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the study entitled ***"Perception and Practices of Parenting Role of Filipino Fathers and Mothers"***.
3. The study hopes to gain information about the perceptions of Filipino fathers and mothers on their parenting roles. Results of the study will serve as bases for the development of policies and programs that will enhance and encourage equitable sharing of roles and responsibilities between spouses in family life.
4. The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years.
5. Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultant, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting 23 June 2003 from Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers: 931-8161 & 931-6146. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished Information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on 23 July 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

(Sgd.) **RHODA F. YAP**
Assistant Secretary & Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - July 6, 2003)

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Kubota Tractor Model L3300DT	Brgy. Sinturisan Sitio Owakan, San Antonio Quezon	PhP 260,000
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1996 Toyota Corona Super Salon	Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, M.M.	PhP 290,000

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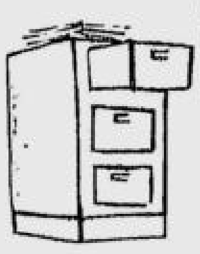

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In Loving Memory

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On July 6, 2003, Sunday,
the following masses will be offered

St. Michael the Archangel Parish *Orion, Bataan*	5:00 a.m.
San Miguel Church *J.P. Laurel cor. Gen. Solano St., Manila*	7:00 a.m.
St. Peter Parish *Commonwealth Avenue, Q.C.*	7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.
Parish of the Lord of Divine Mercy, *Maamo cor. Madasalin Sts., Sikatuna Village, Quezon City*	8:00 a.m.
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish *Mahinhin St., U.P. Village, Q.C.*	9:00 a.m.
San Sebastian Church *Plaza del Carmen, Quiapo, Manila*	9:00 a.m.
Century Club Court *Quezon Memorial Circle, Q.C.*	9:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Pentecost Parish *Loyola Heights, Quezon City*	9:00 a.m.
Ayala Heights Chapel *Quezon City*	10:00 a.m.
Parish of the Holy Sacrifice *U.P. Diliman, Quezon City*	11:00 a.m.
St. Anthony's Shrine (Franciscans) *Manrique St., Sampaloc, Manila*	6:00 p.m.
St. Judes Archdiocese Shrine *J.P. Laurel St., San Miguel, Manila*	6:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Loreto Parish Archdiocese of Manila *Sampaloc, Manila*	6:00 p.m.
Church of Saint Thomas The Apostle *Riverside, California, U.S.A.*	8:00 a.m.
Church of Saint Thomas Moore *Irvine, CA, U.S.A.*	8:00 a.m.
St. John Fisher Parish Church *5448 Crestwood, Rancho Palos Verde, CA, U.S.A.*	10:45 a.m.

Her spouse, **Emilio A. Gancayco**, and their children and spouses, **Efren** and **Mian**, **Annie** and **Lito**, **Tony** and **Ongie**, **Sonny** and **Vicky**, **Ambo** and **Dot**; and their twelve grandchildren, **Trina**, **Totsie**, **Jao**, **Jig**, **Olive**, **Raymond**, **Ann**, **Lucky**, **Joseph**, **Jonjon** and **Mika**, extend their sincerest thanks to the many who offered prayers, masses, flowers and in some other way condoled with them in the hour of their bereavement and request their continued prayers for the eternal repose of their dearly beloved **Herminia**.

Raymundo Cruz Paraiso, Sr.

Beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather
whose memories will be cherished...

Born March 15, 1923 in Pulilan, Bulacan.
Passed away peacefully at the age of 80, on Wednesday,
July 2, 2003 in Burbank, California.

Survived by wife **Julita**; sons, daughters and in-laws: **Cony** and **Linda Paraiso**, **Ding** and **Eddie de Lima**, **Baby** and **Jeff delos Santos**, **Tunay de Jesus**, **Pepito** and **Ana Paraiso**, **Ray Jr.** and **Diane Paraiso**, **Ed 'Owen'** and **Cora Paraiso**, and **Yvette** and **Jonjie Alejandro**; grandchildren: **Nini**, **Paul** & **Jem**, **Doy**, **Lisa**, **Pia**, **Edizon** & **Malu**, **Allen**, **Jay**, **May-an**, **Sheila**, **Francis**, **Joyce**, **Mico**, **Joan**, **Martin**, **Bea**, **Camille** and **Darence**; great-grandchildren: **Ninay**, **Coleen**, **Diego**, **Darryl**, **Melanie** and **Joshua**; and his brothers and sisters, other relatives and friends request the readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

Amang will be laid to rest at Holy Cross Memorial Park,
San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City.
(Services will be announced at later date
or call 929-2551)

AMADO E. BALADAD, DVM

*Passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on July 4, 2003 at the age of 97.*

His loving wife **Carolina**; children **Raphael** & **Elvira**, **Alfredo** & **Susan**, **Susan** & **Pablito**, **Christine** & **Alberto** (†), **David** & **Elena**; grandchildren, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be at Holy Cross Memorial Park, Novaliches, Quezon City at a time and date to be announced during the wake.

MANUEL "MANOLET" ARANETA y LEDESMA

December 8, 1926 - July 4, 2003

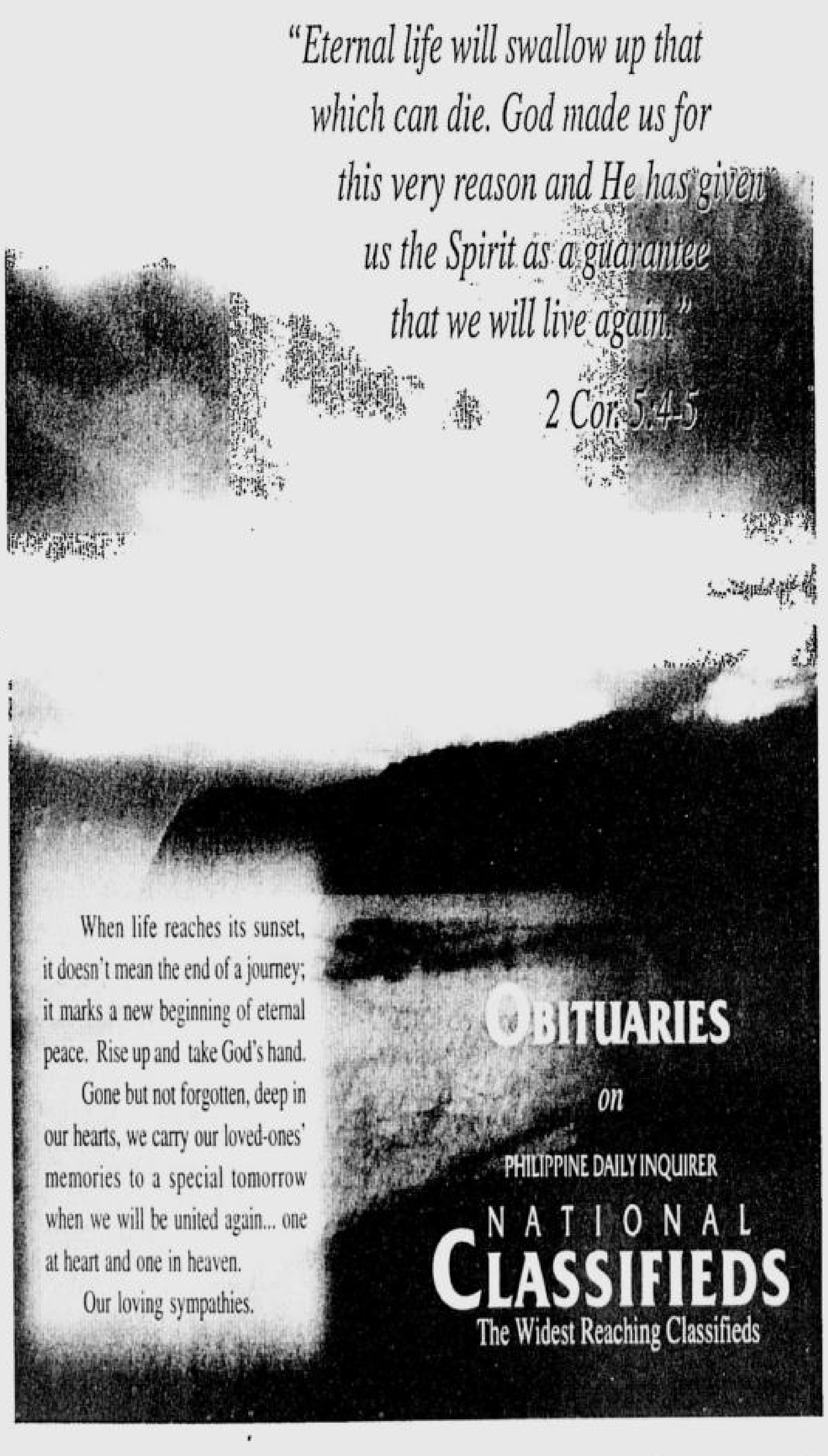
His wife **Mila**; children **Suzanne**, **Therese** & **Allen**, **Manolo** & **Grace**, **Cecile** & **Jaime**, **Liza** & **Bong**, **Christine** & **Jacques**, **Yvonne** & **Danny** and **Martin** & **Bettina**;

Grandchildren: **Michael**, **Mark**, **Martin**, **Adelle**, **Mariana**, **Jed**, **Ana**, **Mercedes**, **Sandro**, **Simon**, **Vincent**, **Paul**, **Nathan**, **Sam** and **Nana Benita**;

His brothers & sisters: **Horacio** (†) & **Gloria**, **Marciano** (†) & **Pat**, **Conchita** (†) & **Weis** (†), **Maitet** & **Nonoy** (†), and **Ben** & **Shirley**;

His nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request prayers for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will lie in state at the Capilla de la Virgen, Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati and will be cremated on Wednesday, July 9 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again."
2 Cor. 5:4-5

When life reaches its sunset, it doesn't mean the end of a journey; it marks a new beginning of eternal peace. Rise up and take God's hand.

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*Died in the Grace of our Lord
on July 5 at the age of 77.*

He is survived by his wife **Ligaya**; children **Laura**, **Lorna** and **Nestor**, **Barry** and **Ruthie**, **Ogie** and **Bing**; grandchildren **Timmy**, **Neilynne**, **Jeb**, **Jaja**, **Jerome**, **Johann** and **Aize**.

His remains lie in state at Bahay Ugnayan - Samson Vigil Spaces at 145 Bayan Luma 1, Imus, Cavite.

Interment will be on July 8, 2003, Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. at the Manila Memorial Park, Dasmariñas, Cavite.

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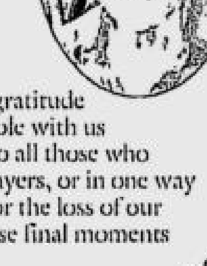

We, the family of

Mario "Bandong" Cruz Manansala

October 13, 1917-June 17, 2003

wish to convey our deepest gratitude
to all those who came to condole with us
in our hour of bereavement, and to all those who
sent flowers, mass cards and offered prayers, or in one way
or another expressed their sorrow for the loss of our
beloved Daddy. We will treasure these final moments
in our hearts.

MARISSA JOCELYN "JOJO" BELLA PERRING

(daughter to Eduardo Topacio Bella and Leonor Cuejen Bella)

of Bacoor, Cavite and London, UK

Passed away on April 30, 2003 at the age of 46.

She is survived by her husband **Brian**; brothers and sisters **Corazon**, **Manuel**, **Fortunato**, **Donna**, **Alexander**, **Marlou**, **Paul** and niece **Leonora**.

There will be a memorial service at the Imus Unida Church, Gen. Castañeda St., Imus, Cavite (046-4710696) at 2:30 p.m., July 12, 2003, Saturday. Those who wish to view her cremated remains but who do not want to attend the service may come at an earlier time on the same day.

"... absent
with
the body
to be
present
with the
Lord."

2 Corinthians 5:8

Our beloved mother

Encarnacion Ancheta Avena

Passed into the loving hands of our Lord
on July 1, 2003 at the age of 93
and has joined our beloved father
***Atty. Francisco V. Avena** (†) and brothers **Junior** (†) and **Tinggoy** (†)*

We, **Bubut, Chiqui, Dave, Anil**; **Titos**; **Elilu, Karen**; **Manolo, Margo, Jaymee, Junior, Amy**; **Pepito**; **Monchito, Armi, RJ, Raffy, Teddy, Sandy**; and **Vichie** - kindly request you to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the La Funeraria Paz, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be at Himlayang Pilipino on Tuesday, July 8, 2003 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at La Funeraria Paz.

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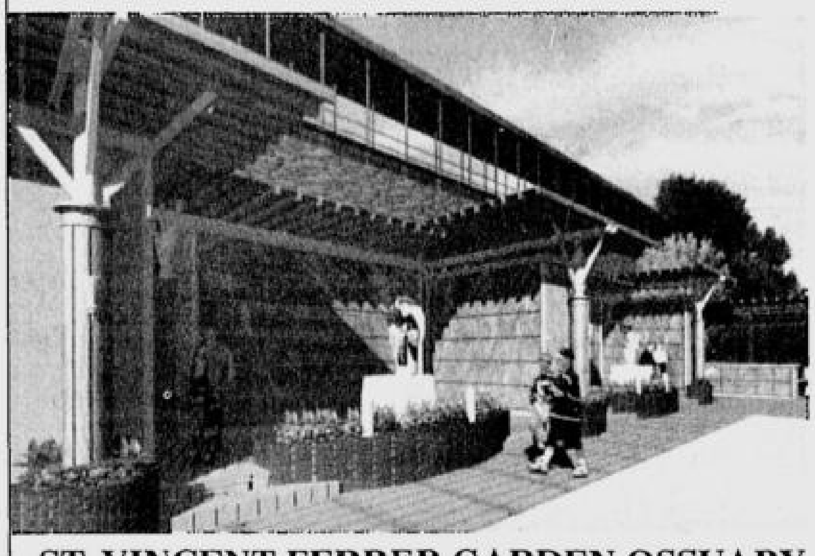

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01 May 2003

(PDI – July 6, 2003)

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
REGIONAL TRIAL COURT OF MANILA
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IN THE MATTER OF CORRECTION
OF ENTRIES IN THE CIVIL REGISTRAR
ROSE G. LAI also known as RUBY ROSE G.
FRANKE, CHRISTOPHER G. LAI also known
as CHRISTOPHER G. FRANKE and CHRISTYAN G. LAI
also known as CHRISTIAN G. FRANKE,
Petitioners

versus SP. PROC NO. 03-106858

THE LOCAL CIVIL REGISTRAR OF MANILA
Respondent
x - - - - - - - - x

ORDER

This is a verified petition of Rose G. Lai a.k.a. Ruby Rose G. Franke, Christopher G. Lai a.k.a. Christopher G. Lai and Christyan G. Lai also known as Christian G. Franke praying among others that after due notice, publication and hearing an Order be rendered directing the Civil Registrar of Manila to correct/change the following entries in the petitioners Certificate of Live Birth:

A. Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Rose G. Lai be corrected, to wit:
1. Entry No. 3 which states Rose (First) Gracilla (middle) Lai (last) should be substituted with the name Ruby Rose (first) Gracilla (last) with the entry as to the middle name to be left in blank.
2. Entry No. 17 – the name of petitioner's mother which states Ruby G. Lai should be substituted with the name Ruby G. Gracilla.
3. Entry No. 23 – which marked "yes" as legitimate be deleted and remarked "x" inside the box which indicates "NO" legitimate.
4. Entry No. 24 – which states the alleged date and place of marriage of parents should be deleted.

B. Certificate of Live Birth of petitioner Christopher G. Lai should be corrected, to wit:
1. Entry No. 3 – which states Christopher (first) Gracilla (middle) Lai (last) should be substituted with the name Christopher (First) Gracilla (last) with the entry as to the middle name to be left in blank.
2. Entry No. 17 typewritten name of petitioner's mother Ruby Lai should be substituted with the name Ruby G. Gracilla.
3. Entry No. 23 – which marked "yes" as legitimate be deleted and remarked with an entry "x" inside the box which indicates "NO" legitimate.
4. Entry No. 24 – date and place of marriage of parents should be deleted.

C. Certificate of Live Birth of Petitioner Christyan G. Lai should be corrected as follows:
1. Entry No. 3 – which states Christyan (First) Gracilla (Middle) Lai (Last) should be substituted with the name Christian (First) Gracilla (Last) with the entry as to the middle name to be left in blank.
2. Entry No. 17 typewritten name of petitioner's mother which states Ruby Gracilla Lai should be substituted with the name Ruby G. Gracilla.
3. Entry No. 23 which marked "YES" as legitimate should be deleted and remarked "X" inside box which indicates "NO" legitimate.
4. Entry No. 24 the alleged date and place of marriage of parents should be deleted.

Finding the Petition to be sufficient in form and substance, let the petition be set for hearing on August 8, 2003 at 8:30 o'clock in the morning before this Branch at Room 546, 5th Floor, Manila City Hall. All interested parties are hereby notified of said hearing and are ordered to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

Let copy of this Order be published at the expense of the petitioner once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Manila to be chosen thru raffle pursuant to P.D. No. 1079.

Furnish the Office of the Solicitor General and Civil Registrar of Manila copies of the Petition and Order.

SO ORDERED.

Manila, Philippines, June 23, 2003.

(Sgd.) ROMULO A. LOPEZ
Judge

(PDI – July 6, 13 & 20, 2003)

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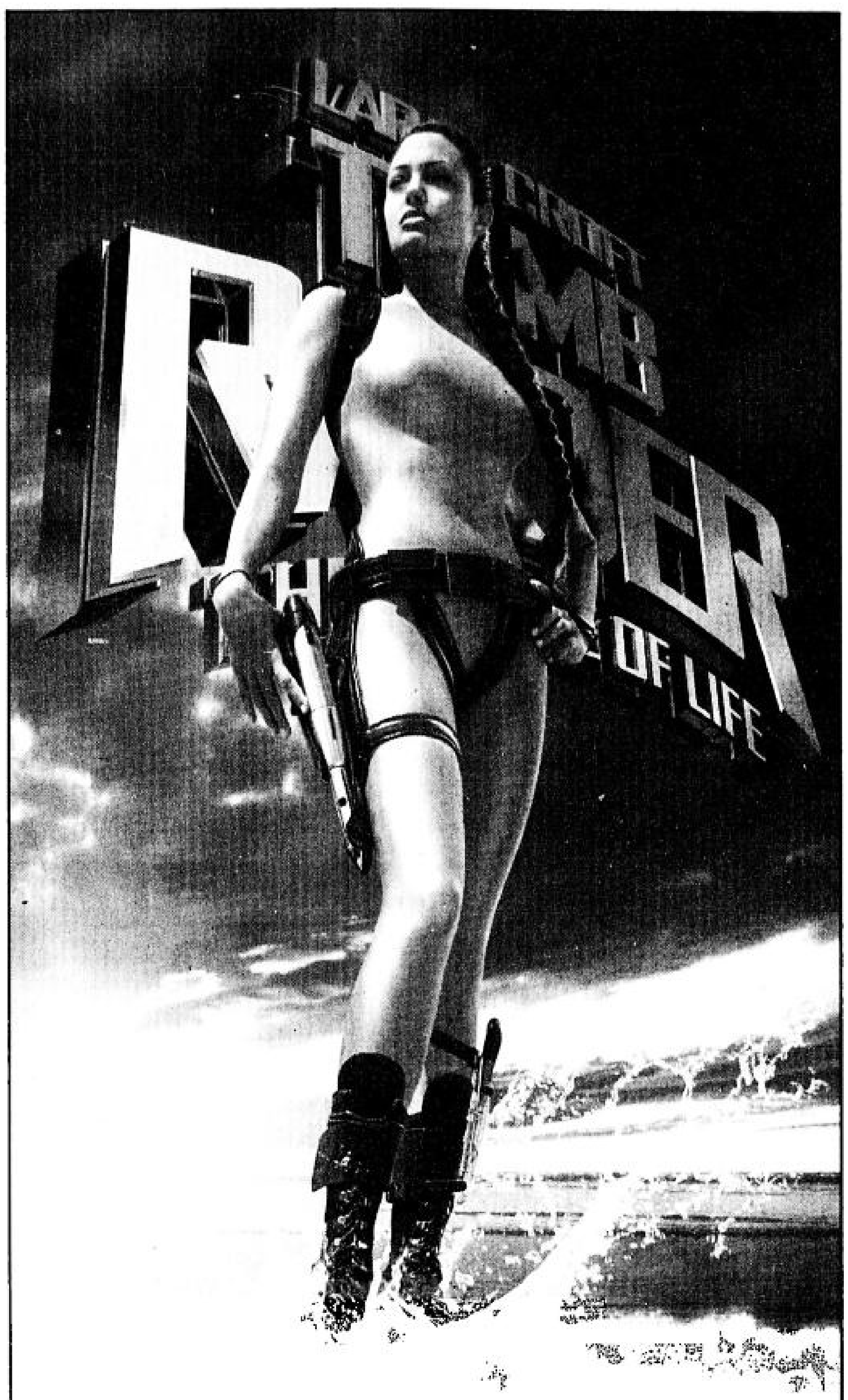
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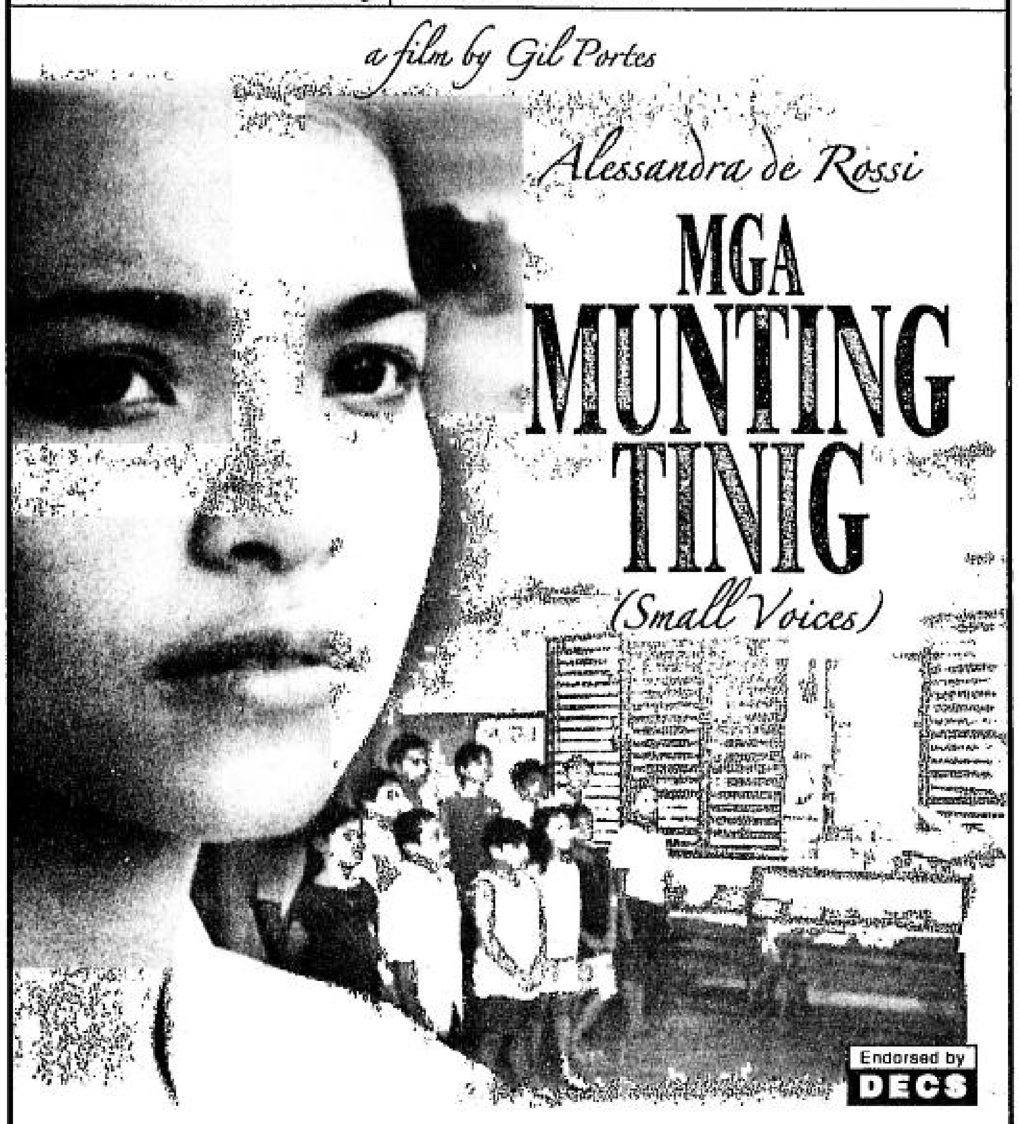
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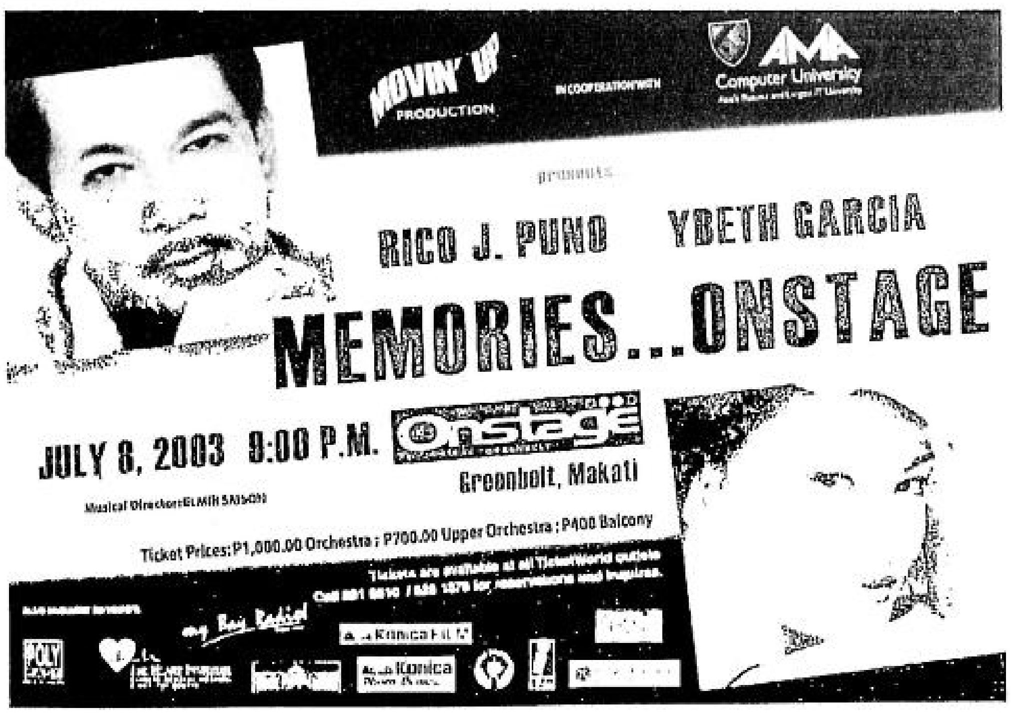
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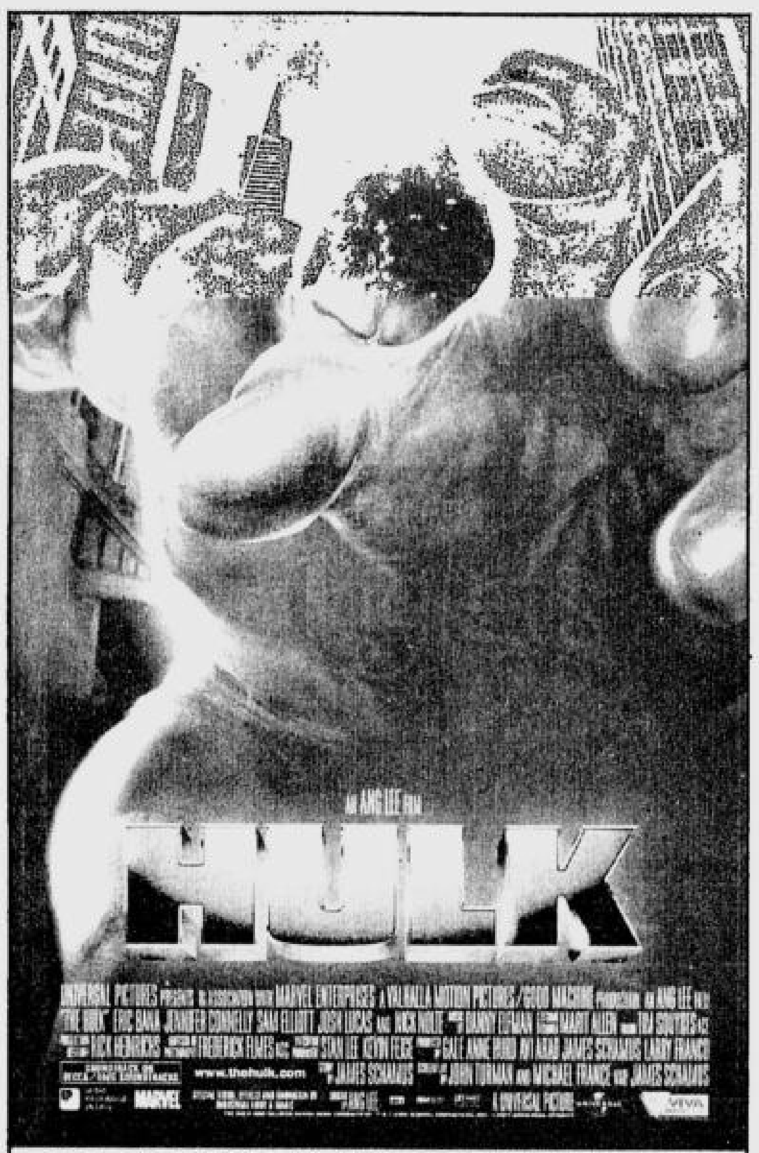

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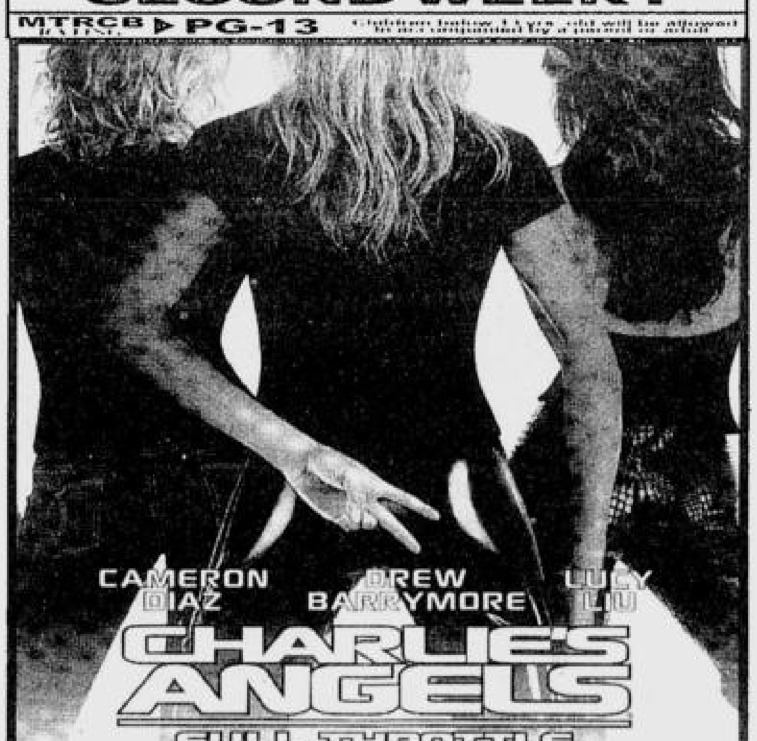

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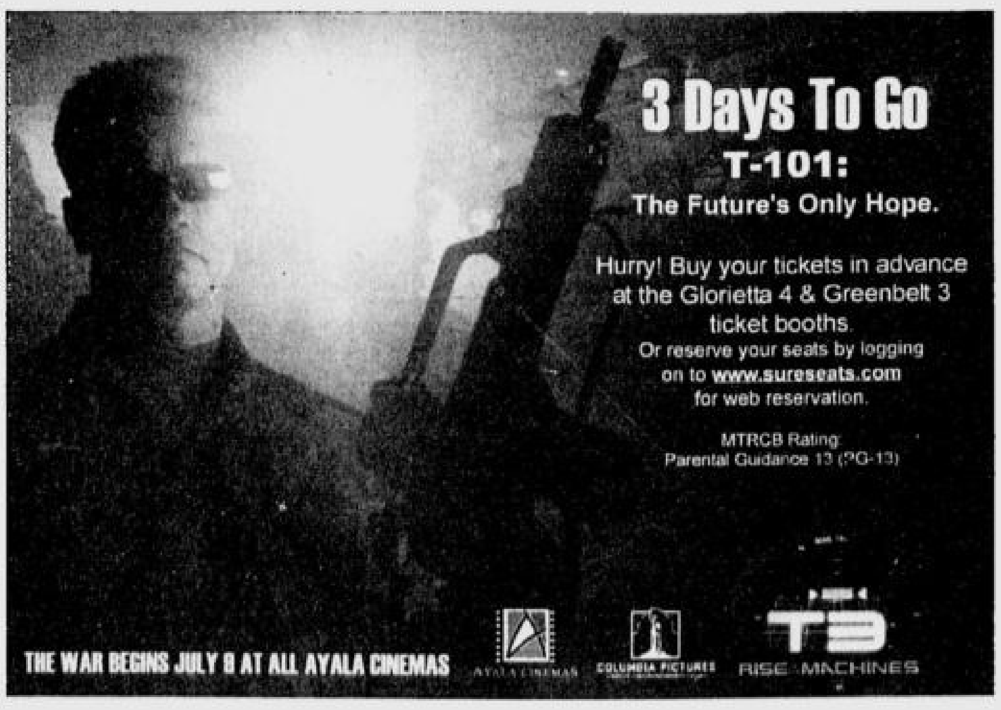

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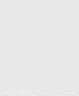

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Editor **Aries Espinosa**

'Chika' latest Philippine export

A WIRELESS applications company is now marketing internet-to-cellular phone text messaging as "Chika" (the Filipino slang for "small talk" and indeed a way of life in the Philippines). The company , itself called Chikka Asia Inc. claims users from over 100 companies, sending those 160-character messages Filipinos know so well - text.

"Small talk is really the nature of many of the text messages people exchange," says Dennis Mendiola, Chikka Asia chief executive officer. "As we afford overseas communities a way to text with Philippine contacts for free, we really look at ourselves as exporters of this "chika" culture."

The millions of messages Chikka presently handles suggest that it is the most popular gateway to sending text messages from the internet to any mobile phone in the Philippines today. The Chikka community currently adds hundreds of thousands of members monthly. Its exponential growth is driven by PC users outside the Philippines in turn led by overseas communities in the US and in the Middle East.

The profile of users ranges from professionals with internet access in their offices to youths who are not to be left out by their text-crazy counterparts back home. They know all too well that to grab anybody's attention in RP these days, "text."

The "gateway" is actually a form of two-way mobile instant messaging, which was not surprisingly, first launched in RP (SMS capital of the world) in 2001.

Instant Messengers (IMs) are used by millions of PC users especially in the United States. Key to real-time messaging between IM users is "presence detection" - you "see" buddies when they are on-line and know they are available to receive messages. SMS (short message service on GSM Networks) is meanwhile, Instant Messaging's counterpart in the wireless world. Almost 400 billion SMS messages exchanged in 2002 between more than 500 million GSM subscribers, mostly in Europe and Asia.

Chikka is really a marriage of the two popular messaging platforms: IM and SMS. The mobile-centric Instant Messenger employs Chikka's own patented methods and systems recently confirmed by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore.

"But we are really encouraged by our own users to send us email expressing their appreciation for a service which helps bridge the distance (with their families and loved ones)," added Mendiola.

Its Philippine rollout completed, Chikka has the stage set for an international rollout as SMS in other countries continues to catch fire. SMS, which has actually been available as a standard feature in GSM phones even in the early nineties has turned out to be the surprising killer app and dark horse of successful wireless messaging services. Chikka Txt Messenger may be accessed at www.chikka.com.

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TOUCH MOBILE SUPPORTS OPERATION SMILE

Touch Mobile, the country's fastest growing GSM brand, has pledged full support for Operation Smile Program (OSP) by donating to the mission P1M from the proceeds of sales of Touch Mobile Super Value SIM packs. OSP is the world's biggest volunteer-based humanitarian mission which aims to change the lives of under privileged children with facial deformities by providing them with free reconstructive surgery. Some of these children are shown in photo during the signing memorandum agreement with, from left: Max Edralin, OSP trustee; Edward Go, OSP chair; Edith Yotoko-Villanueva, OSP president; Gerardo Ablaza Jr., Globe Telecom president and CEO ; and Ana de Villa-Singson, Globe Telecom vice president for Touch Mobile.

THE COLUMNS' BUYERS PARTY

Angela De Villa Lacson (left), president of Community Innovations Inc., an Ayala Land subsidiary, picks raffle winners after she announced the launch of Tower 2 of The Columns, Ayala Avenue during 'The Good Life', a cocktail party for buyers. The Columns, a trio of 30-storey residential towers, fills the need for quality residential development for young urban achievers who work in the Makati central business district. The Columns' first seven storeys house a podium of commercial spaces for shopping, dining, leisure activities and parking. The seventh levels is the Recreational Club, a 'garden in the sky' which offers resort-style attractions amid sweeping views, with a large pool, a kiddie pool, a long jogging path, indoor and outdoor functions spaces, fully-equipped gym, business center, daycare center, and a game room.

Rotary Club of Makati North savors the moment with Carlos I

AFTER a year of "Sowing the Seeds of Love", the Rotary Club of Makati North was able to kick back and savor the fruits of their labor as Carlos I, the House of Domecq's premium Brandy, enchanted them in a night of music, dance and sensuous rituals. Entitled "Just for a Moment", the Carlos I brandy appreciation night was held at Monk's Dream, Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Makati last June 6. Rotarians were witness to what is truly meant to savor a moment as they learned from Don Beltran Domecq himself, the heritage of Carlos I, the Solera system of brandy production, and the novel ways of appreciating brandy with cigars and chocolates. Composed of professionals and businessmen dedicated to community service and business ethics, Rotarians epitomize the Carlos I ideals of a successful person with passion for work, play and social responsibility. The Rotary Club of Makati North is one of the 29 Rotary Clubs in Makati. Since it was chartered on May 3, 1973, it has been involved in numerous socio-civic projects like raising support for the Rotary-based Stepping Stone Learning Center. Aeta communities in Zambales and the Top Outstanding Philippine Soldiers Awards. The night was undoubtedly Spanish in theme with special guest performer Eileen Sison and the Guarana Band performing the best Bossa Nova / Samba set in Manila. As mementos of the event, each Rotarian received a personalized brandy glass snifter and the official Carlos I mini-handbook on brandy.

PHOTO shows Christopher Lazaro, brand manager of Carlos I (left) and Rotary Makati North president Orly Morabe savoring the moment with Carlos I.

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READER'S DIGEST SWEEPSTAKES WINNER

A Makati executive won a cool P600,000 in the Quick Match Draw of the Reader's Digest 2002 Sweepstakes Draw. Elizabeth Alcantara, a 34 year-old mom from Taguig, Manila, received the award from Fred Ramoso, chairman of the board of A-Z Direct Marketing, the exclusive distributor of Reader's Digest in the country, and Bing Capua of the Department of Trade and Industry, in a special ceremony held recently at the Magellan Room of Discovery Suites in Ortigas.

PHOTO COURSES AT FORT SANTIAGO

The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation is holding a series of basic and advanced photo seminars at the Fort Santiago, Intramuros, Manila. The next photo workshops will start July 6. Sponsors are YKL Development and Trading Corp. and Intramuros Administration. Lecturers are veteran photographers professor Cecilia Angeles, Vic Sison, Ador Pamintuan, Ed Santiago, Tilak Hettige and Tony Raval. Contact FPPF at 7th floor Comfoods Bldg., Sen. Gil Puyat Ave., / Chino Roces Ave. c/o Beverly Estrosa and Boy Capala, tel: 843-5341, 813-7420.

SARS COALITION-DOH SIGN MOA

Amidst the WHO declaration on the risk of a resurgence of Sars, the Corporate Coalition Against Sars, composed of some of the country's largest corporations, recently signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Health. The signatories are (seated from left) Eliezer Tanlapco, Ayala Land; Jay Avenas and Brenda Dichoso, Smart Communications; Buena Chanco, I-Bank; Cesar Maureal, Globe Telecommunications; Jesus Razon Jr., BPI; Health Secretary Manuel Dayrit; Carlos Ejercito, United Laboratories; Bert Pasquin, San Miguel Corp.; Marilyn Pozon, Monde Nissin; John Walker, ATG; Dr.Rafael Limjoco, PLDT; and Hector Diangkinay, Greenfield Development Corp. Standing from left are Manolo Escueta, Unilab; Health Usec. Antonio Lopez; Dina Orosa, BPI; Rhais Gamboa, Unilab; Dr. Anthony Golez, DOH; and Dr. Troy Gepte, Epidemiology Center, DOH.

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Tony Roma's awesome feast

WONDERING where to go for a great tasting meal that is ideal for your friends or family? Tony Roma's offers three awesome feast platters that is ideal for sharing. The Roma Feast combines the restaurant's popular selections such as slow-cooked Carolina Honeys ribs, barbecued chicken, special sausage, corn on the cob and coleslaw. The Family feast offers a choice of any mouthwatering St. Louis-style ribs, crispy fried shrimps, tender juicy barbecued chicken, corn on the cob and coleslaw. The Ocean Feast is the perfect choice for all seafood lovers. Crispy mahi-mahi fish and crispy fried shrimps with calamari rings, crab sticks and potato salads and three dipping sauces. From now until Aug. 31, all dine-in guests can participate in the Sure Win Lucky Dip with chances of winning Tony Roma's meal vouchers and up to 100 percent discount on your meals instantly.

The National Artists Exhibition Series 2003

THE NATIONAL Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) launched on May 29 The National Artists Exhibition Series 2003 in celebration of the exemplary contributions of the Philippines' National Artists to their respective art forms and to nation building. Structured around a central narrative that weaves through the lives of the 45 National Artists, the series features six modules grouped according to art from and/or cultural movements. Modules include Film (July 7 to 27), Theater (Aug. 4 to 24), Visual Arts (Sept. 1 to 28), Architecture and Dance (Oct. 6 to 26), Literature (Nov. 3 to 23) and Music (Dec. 1 to 28). This ongoing exhibit is featured at the NCCA Gallery, NCCA Bldg., 633 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros Manila. For inquiries, contact Frances Alincastre at tel. nos. 527-2192 loc. 508 or 527-2209 or email info@ncca.gov.ph.

Knorr's Family Celebrations

KNORR'S Family Celebrations scrapbook making contest, not only gives families the chance to be closer by creating a wonderful album, but also the chance to win exciting prizes like a brand new Toyota Revo, a trip to Disneyland, and a family entertainment showcase. The contest launched last March, will be ongoing until July 27 this year. For every P150 single or accumulated purchase of participating Knorr products, you can redeem a Family Celebrations entry kit by just adding P99 at any of the Family Celebrations booths located in SM Supermarkets nationwide from July 7 to 13. The top 100 scrapbooks will be displayed at SM Megamall for 1 week before the grand finals on Sept. 7. For questions you can contact Knorr's Consumer Advisory Service at 588-8855 (Metro Manila) or 1-800-588-8855 (toll free) or email them at cas.cmc@unilever.com.

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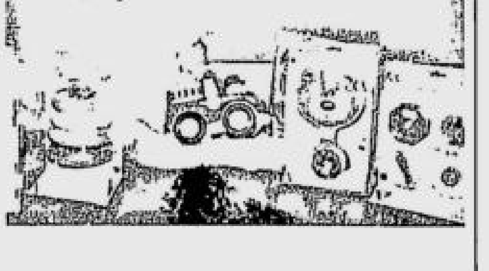

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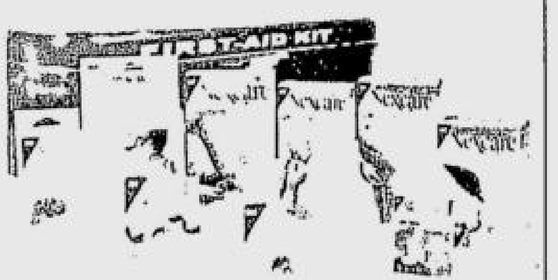

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MGS RECEIVES RECOGNITION

Manila Galleria Suites (MGS) was recently recognized as one of the top suppliers of Texas Instruments (Philippines) Inc., one of the world's largest American semi-conductor companies during the awarding ceremonies held at the CAP Convention Center, Camp John Hay. Manila Galleria Suites was cited for its excellent service and deluxe hotel facilities. MGS' director for marketing and sales Pearl Maclang (second from left) was present to receive the recognition trophy from Texas Instruments (Philippines) Inc.'s president and managing director Bing Viera (right). Also present were Texas Instruments (Philippines) Inc.'s procurement manager Boyet Dioquino and Manila Galleria Suites corporate account manager Kristine Campos (3rd from left).

SOLVAY HOSTS SYMPOSIUM

At a recent luncheon symposium sponsored by Solvay Pharmaceuticals Inc. (tel. no. 894-0688) at the Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Hotel in Mandaluyong City, Dr. Raul Quillamor, (shown in photo), an obstetrician-gynecologist at the University of the East Ramon Magsaysay Memorial Medical Center (UERMMMC), revealed that women who have threatened miscarriages can be helped by immunomodulation. This can be achieved through Duphaston (dydrogesterone), a pregnancy-maintaining drug from Solvay. Duphaston acts like the natural female sex hormone progesterone and suppresses the mother's rejection of the fetus. This ensures successful deliveries.

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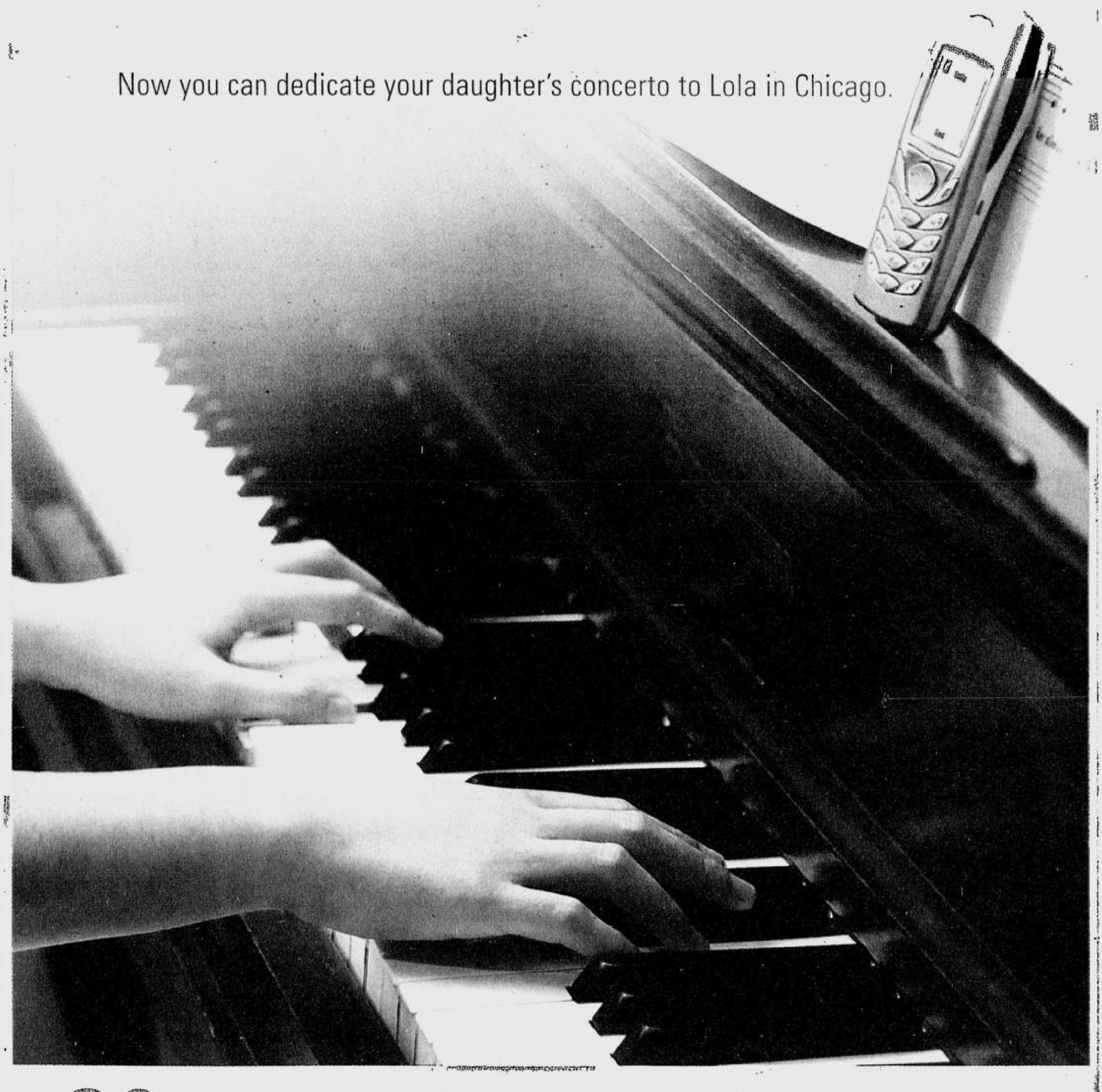

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ROCES fined, not suspended, says GMA 7, although KBP official insists she was suspended.

Osang 'on leave,' says GMA 7

By Marinel R. Cruz

ACTRESS and TV host Rosanna Roces was fined P10,000 by the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) for violating the provisions of the General Standards of the Television Code on the use of obscene dialogues and actions.

Roces was not suspended for one year, as reported earlier, but is merely on a six-

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Vic Vargas in ICU /C2

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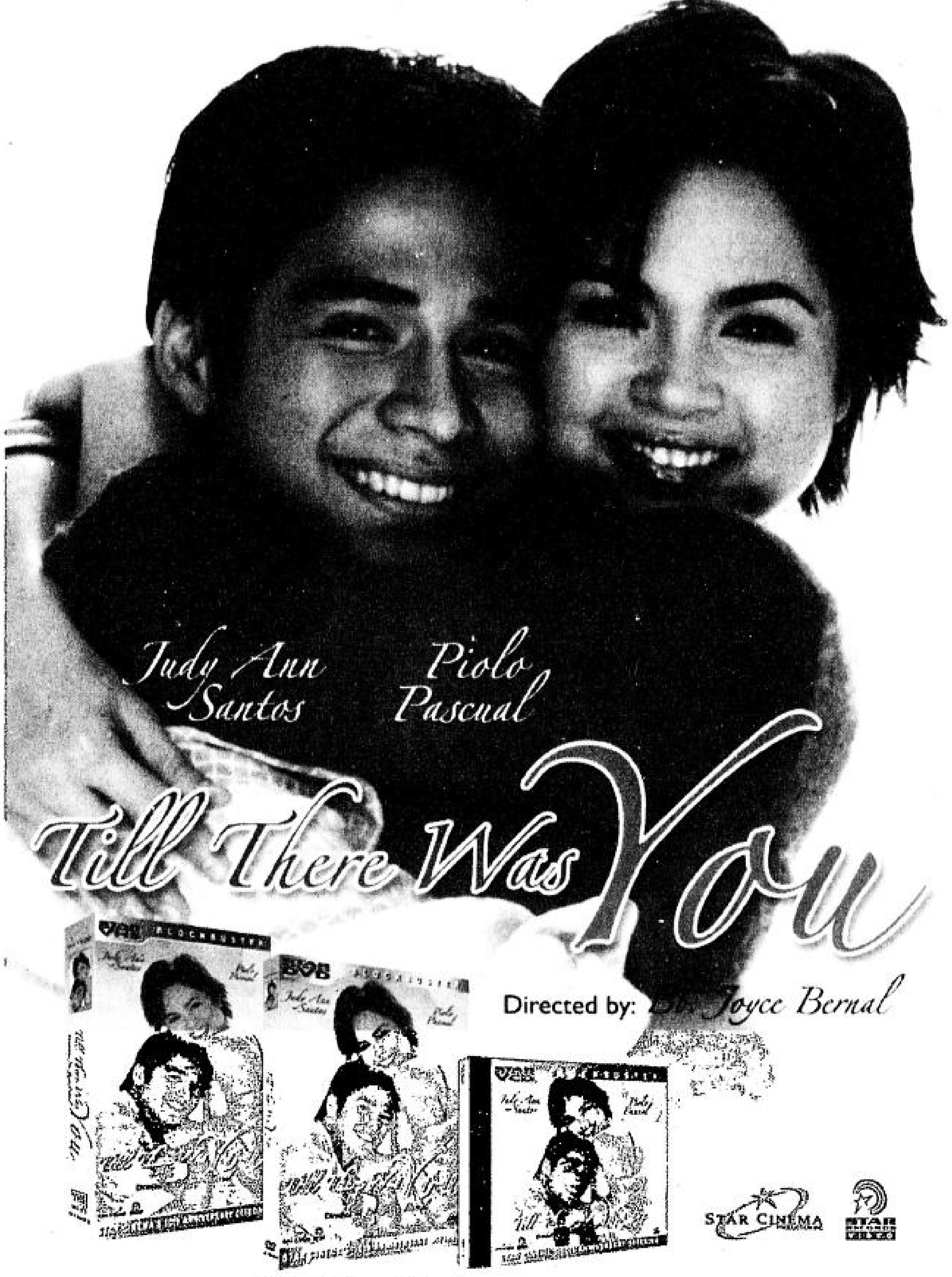

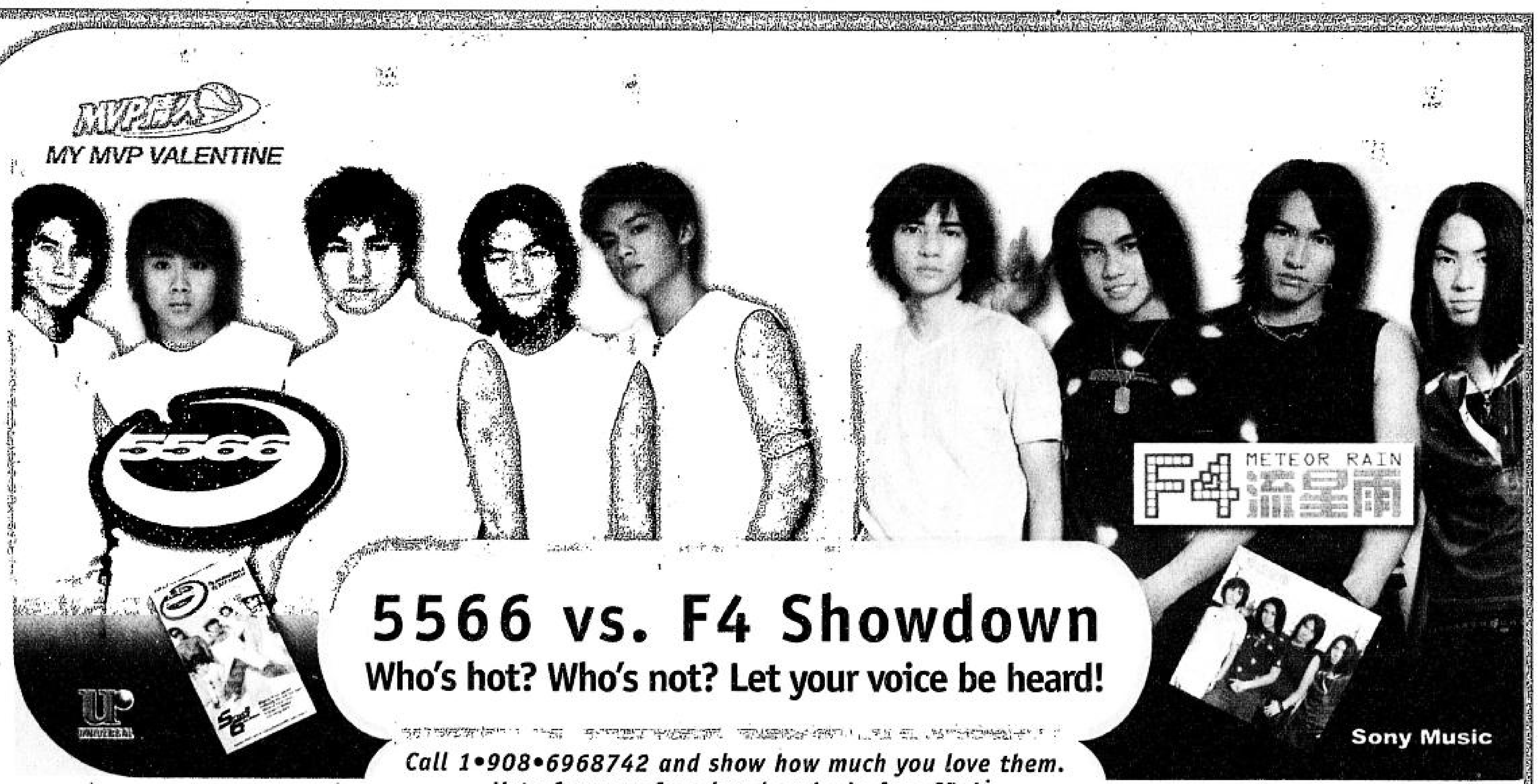

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Vic Vargas suffers stroke

By Jocelyn Valle
Contributor

VETERAN actor Vic Vargas had a stroke last Thursday and had to be confined at the intensive care unit (ICU) of the San Juan de Dios hospital in Pasay City, according to his family.

Vargas (real name, Jose Maria Marfori Asuncion) started showing signs of distress last Wednesday, according to his wife, Rosanna Zamora.

"He had difficulty in biting," Zamora said in Filipino. "He threw up and then he went to sleep. *Nung gabi*, OK *na siya*. So we thought he was really OK."

The next day, however, his condition worsened, she said. His tongue stiffened, his speech slurred and he vomited a lot, she said.

"He lost his balance, too," she added.

Earlier, Vargas, 64, was treated in a hospital in Subic for a typhoid-like ailment, she said.

"He had fever for a week," said the actor's daughter, Jane F. Asuncion. "The doctor said it could have stressed him." She didn't think, though, that this had a direct link to her father's condition.

Mother and daughter said they believed that Vargas was on his way to recovery.

"I tell him, 'Pinggoy (Vargas' nickname), *huwag kang bibitaw*,'" Zamora said.

VARGAS

A cousin and close friend of the actor said heart disease runs in their family.

The cousin-friend, who asked not to be identified, said that in September 2001, Vargas suddenly had difficulty in breathing while waiting for somebody at the Heritage Hotel.

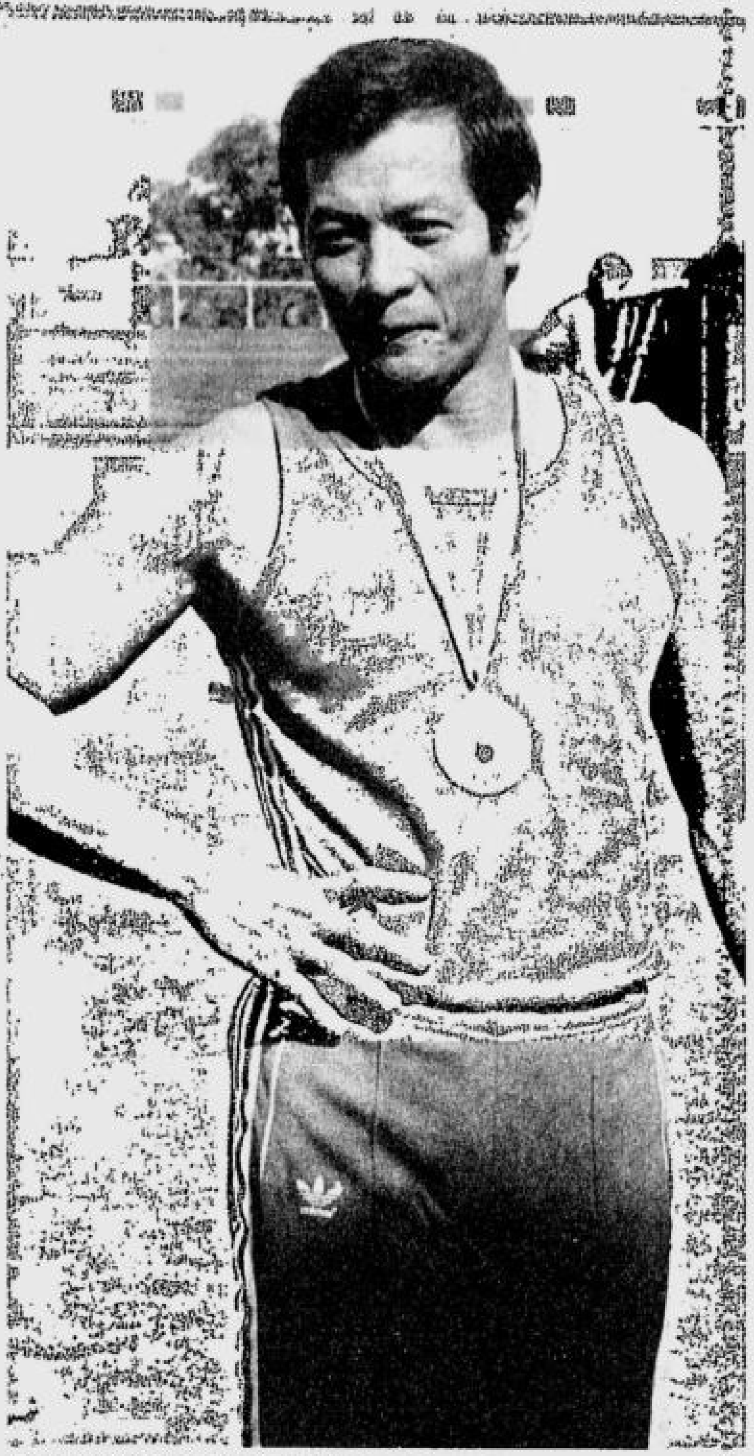
"He's been reckless," the friend said. "But he also has an athlete's courage and fighting spirit." While the public remembers Vargas for his comedy, drama and action movies, the University of Sto. Tomas Architecture graduate had also been a national judo champion and instructor on his own TV show on Channel 7 in the '60s.

"His real talents lie in the visual arts and sports," said Vargas' cousin and friend, adding that the actor painted even when he didn't have formal art training. Seventeen of his paintings are displayed in Club Noah in Palawan, where Vargas lived between 1995 and 2000, said the cousin.

He said Vargas never wanted to be in the movies. He only accepted the offer of Sampaguita-VP Pictures to be its contract star on a dare made by a friend. He didn't look back, though, after starring in 1962's "Diegong Tabak" with Lolita Rodriguez and in "Tarzan vs Tansan" with Dolphy the next year.

Vargas won the best actor award for "El Vibora" at the 7th Manila Film Festival in 1972 and earned an Urian nomination for 1982's "In This Corner."

He was in the cast of the Lito Lapid starrer, "Lapu-lapu," in last year's Metro Manila Film Festival. Prior to his hospitalization, Vargas had been appearing on TV shows like "Maalaala Mo Kaya," "Nagmamahal, Manay Gina" and "Kool Ka Lang."


ATHLETIC Vic in a 1983 celebrity sports event

Smorgasbord of July performers at Dish

SHOW TIME

JULY sizzles with Dish performers.

Red-letter days this month include Monday, July 7, when Rex Navarette performs in a special show, "Sir REX, Adult Education 101!"

On July 9, Dish presents Nina and the Essence Band and Nyoy Volante with Mannos.

It's a special Crossover celebration of the '80s with Rage and Fat Session on July 24, and it's a special acoustic night on July 26 with Paolo Santos and Pido with Take One.

Cris Villonco will have a special concert on July 31, with special guests Jose Mari Chan, Johnny Velasquez of the Spirit of '67, and 17:28.

Relive the '60s and '70s with the Moonstrucks on July 21 and 28, Hourglass on July 14, Spirit of '67 on July 29, the Rockin' Revival on July 22 and MOBB on July 15.

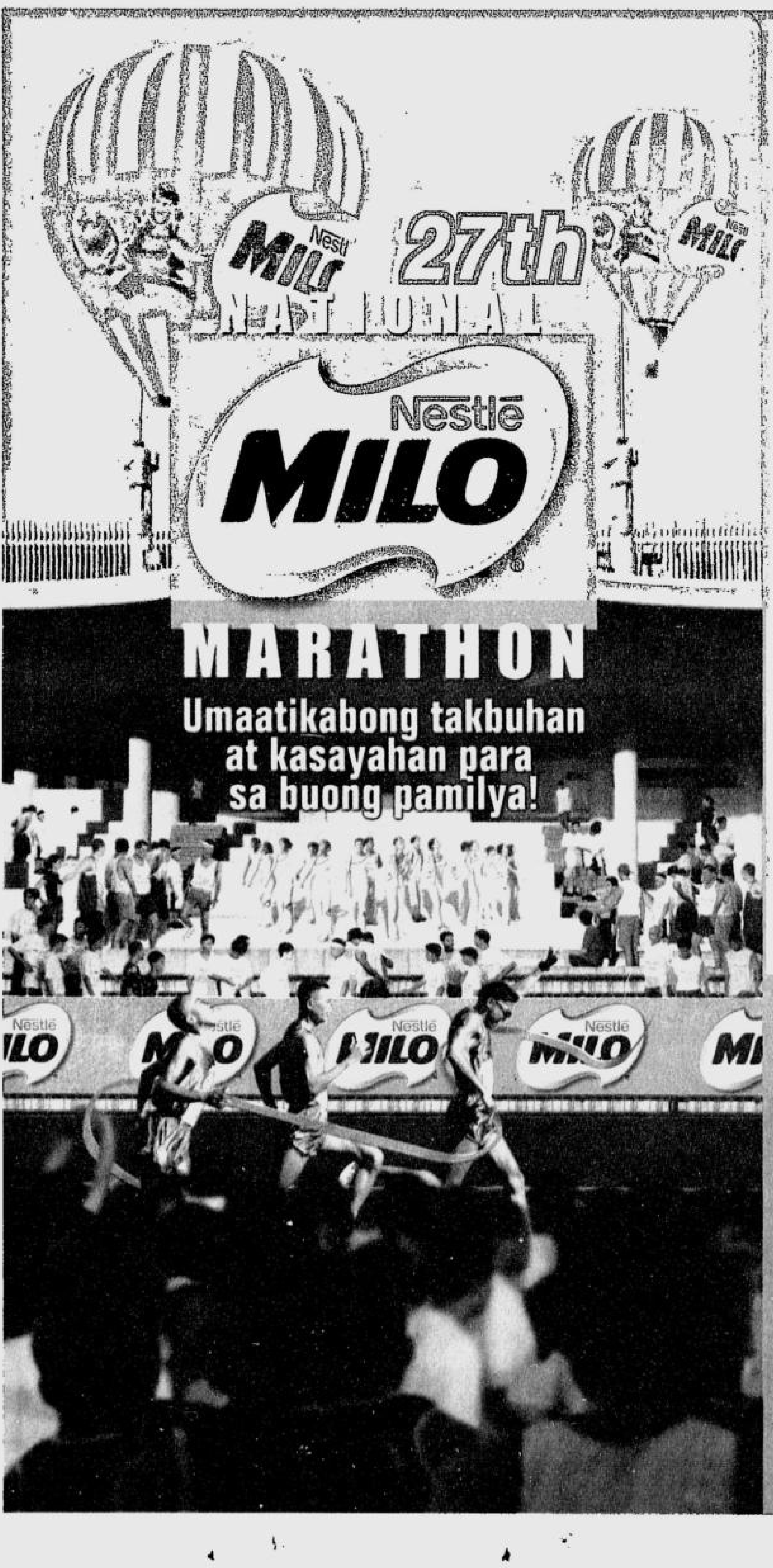
Nyoy Volante and Mannos are also performing on July 16, 18, 23 and 30.

An all-out party with an '80s feel marks July 10. After Rage brings the house to its knees, DJ-designer Rhett Eala will serve his special brand of '80s dance tunes.

Fridays come alive with Arnee Hidalgo in person on July 11 and 25 and Jay R on July 18 and 25.

Pido with Take One perform again on July 11 and 18.

Mulatto brings the sweet soul sound of the '70s and '80s, while 604 sing their grittier, soulful version.



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week vacation, according to the Entertainment Group of GMA TV. Roces is a co-host on the network's Saturday afternoon show biz talk show, "Star Talk."

But an official of the KBP Standards Authority, who asked not to be identified, insisted that Roces had been suspended.

The Standards Authority (SA) is the enforcement arm of the KBP.

The KBP-SA also suspended GMA 7's membership privileges for 12 months for failing to establish a "rigid fail-safe mechanism in the editing of taped materials scheduled for broadcast within its live programs."

In a motion for reconsideration, GMA 7 complained of the KBP-SA's "selective enforcement of rules" for not penalizing another network for a similar offense which it has committed twice.

It was apparently referring to its biggest rival network, ABS-CBN.

GMA 7 asked the KBP to consider its motion for reconsideration "as a complaint against ABS-CBN Corp." for violations of the TV Code, and asked that "appropriate penalties be imposed on it."

'Wholesome'

In a press statement, GMA 7 referred to the suspension of ABS-CBN noontime show "Masayang Tanghali Bayan" hosts Willie Revillame and John Estrada for vulgarity. "Yet there is no case in the KBP arising from all these incidents and neither the hosts nor the TV station was sanctioned by the KBP-SA," GMA 7 said.

It said there is no reason for the SA not to have taken action on the ABS-CBN incidents since it (SA) can investigate on its own and does not have to wait for its monitoring unit to file a report of violation.

"This is particularly true especially of incidents that are well-known to the public, as in the case of the ABS-CBN hosts, where ABS-CBN practically admitted its violation by suspending the TV hosts," said the GMA 7 statement.

It stressed that as a matter of policy, the network "adheres to wholesome programming and does not tolerate vulgarity in any of its programs."

No comment

KBP executive director Reynaldo Hulog said the KBP-SA did not suspend Roces for 12 months but fined her for violating the TV Code.

"Her absence from the show ("Star Talk") has nothing to do with the KBP-SA's decision," a GMA 7 press statement said of Roces.

Roces' talent manager, Lolit Solis, has refused to comment about her talent, only saying that Roces is expected to arrive from Europe anytime this week.

"Star Talk" supervising producer Janine Piad said Roces had gone to Hong Kong during the first week of her absence from "Star Talk."

Roces has not been seen on "Star Talk" for a month now. Actress Alma Moreno has taken over her hosting chores.

Teasing footage

GMA 7 last June 27 filed a motion for reconsideration of the KBP-SA's decision to suspend the network's membership privileges. It also asked for a clarification of the privileges.

According to the KBP-SA, Roces was fined based on a complaint from the KBP's monitoring unit about an episode of "Star Talk" aired on July 29, 2000, which showed a footage of Roces in a concert "teasing her male audience by letting one of them touch her breasts and another putting his head between her breasts."

The KBP-SA stated that Roces violated Paragraph 9 of the General Program Standards of the TV Code, which prohibits the "use of dialogues, actions, and other similar manifestations which are obscene, blasphemous, profane, derogatory or vulgar."

'Highly suggestive'

In relation to the showing of the footage of the concert, the KBP-SA suspended for 12 months GMA 7's membership privileges for failing to establish a "rigid fail-safe mechanism in the editing of taped materials scheduled for broadcast within its live programs."

The KBP-SA decision said GMA 7 had been remiss for allowing the "unsuitable footage" to go on air without having been edited. The KBP-SA deemed the insertion of the footage a second violation of the TV Code.

The first violation apparently came in 1999. In a resolution dated March 30, 2000, the KBP-SA had reprimanded Roces and GMA 7 for Roces' interview of actor Paolo Fabregas on "Star Talk." The KBP said the interview, aired on Oct. 9, 1999, covered several topics, including "highly suggestive questions" about Fabregas' preferred perfume and underwear, and one-night stands, and "the hardest muscle of his body that he tends to work out often."

Hulog last Thursday said the decision of KBP-SA on the second case was appealed on July 27, 2001, to the KBP board, which affirmed the decision of the KBP-SA.

"This decision of the KBP board on the appeal is now the subject of a motion for reconsideration filed by GMA last June 27," Hulog said.

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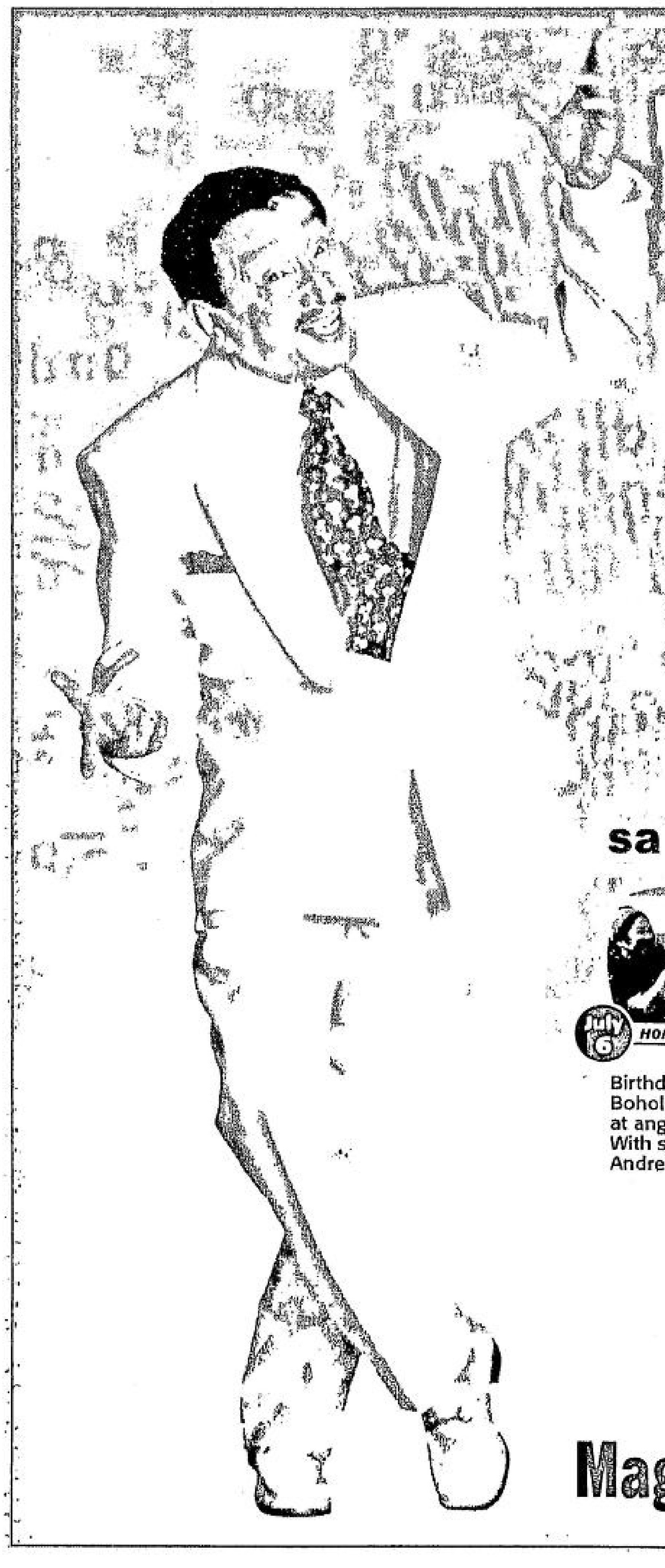

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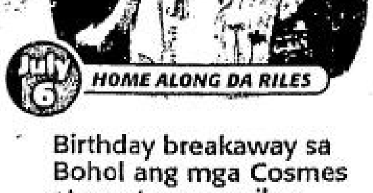

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Editor wants to divorce Sharon Stone

SAN FRANCISCO —The husband of US movie queen Sharon Stone filed for divorce Thursday, citing irreconcilable differences in their five-year marriage.

Newspaper editor Phil Bronstein moved to end his union "Basic Instinct" star Stone in a divorce petition filed in San Francisco, according to court documents obtained by Agence France Presse.

Stone and Bronstein, who are requesting joint custody of their adopted son Roan, are parting on friendly terms and want to divorce as quietly as possible, his lawyer said.

"They are trying to achieve an amicable and mutual dissolution of their marriage and are committed to being parents of their child and to doing this in as friendly and non-controversial manner as possible," said Nordin Blacker.

"There will be no drama here," Bronstein's lawyer told AFP. "They both have the interests of their three-year-old at heart and are trying to resolve this in a very private manner."

In papers filed in the Superior Court of California, Bronstein, executive editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, indicated a financial settlement would be negotiated separately.

The marriage, which was sealed in a Valentine's Day ceremony in 1998, was Stone's second. Her three-year marriage to film producer Michael Greenburg ended in 1987.

Stone's Los Angeles spokeswoman Karen Sellers declined comment, telling AFP: "I have nothing to say about this."

The New York Post said Stone, 45, and Bronstein, 52, were already living apart, Stone in the couple's Los Angeles mansion, Bronstein in their home in San Francisco.

It quoted unnamed sources as saying the pair split after the actress returned from London and Moscow where she had been filming her latest movie, "A Different Loyalty," with Rupert Everett.

Industry sources in Los Angeles said the marriage has been under "enormous strain" for some time as Stone spent an increasing amount of time in Los Angeles and abroad attempting to revive her movie career.

Bronstein, known for affecting a macho image with beard and cowboy boots, was reportedly the first journalist to discover the huge shoe collection of former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos after the fall of her husband, Ferdinand.

Since their marriage, the actress and the journalist have frequently made headlines, including in October 2001 when Stone suffered a brain hemorrhage.

The same year, Bronstein required emergency tendon surgery after he was bitten by a two-meter (seven-foot) Komodo dragon during a visit to Los Angeles Zoo organized by Stone to celebrate her husband's birthday.

Stone single-handedly sent the sales of ice picks soaring following the release of the 1992 thriller "Basic Instinct," in which she played a psychotic woman suspected of luring her prey by seducing them.

> 'There will be no drama here,' says the husband's lawyer

'BASIC INSTINCT' star Stone has nothing to say about the divorce.

EXES SOON, Bronstein and Stone while still together.

CELEBRATING 32 weeks of pregnancy.

Ruffa turns 29

SHOW STOPPER

By Leah Salterio
Contributor

RUFFA Gutierrez, now 32 weeks months pregnant, celebrated her 29th birthday with a quiet dinner at the Full House Chinese Restaurant in downtown Los Angeles.

Ruffa's parents, Eddie Gutierrez and Annabelle Rama, hosted the dinner, which had about 30 people, including Ruffa's brothers Rocky and Raymond and her friends. Eddie and Annabelle returned to Manila, early this week.

Ruffa flew to Los Angeles after her grand wedding to Yilmaz last March 25 at the NBC Tent in Fort Bonifacio. A month before her birthday, she had two baby showers in LA.

An ultrasound test revealed she would have

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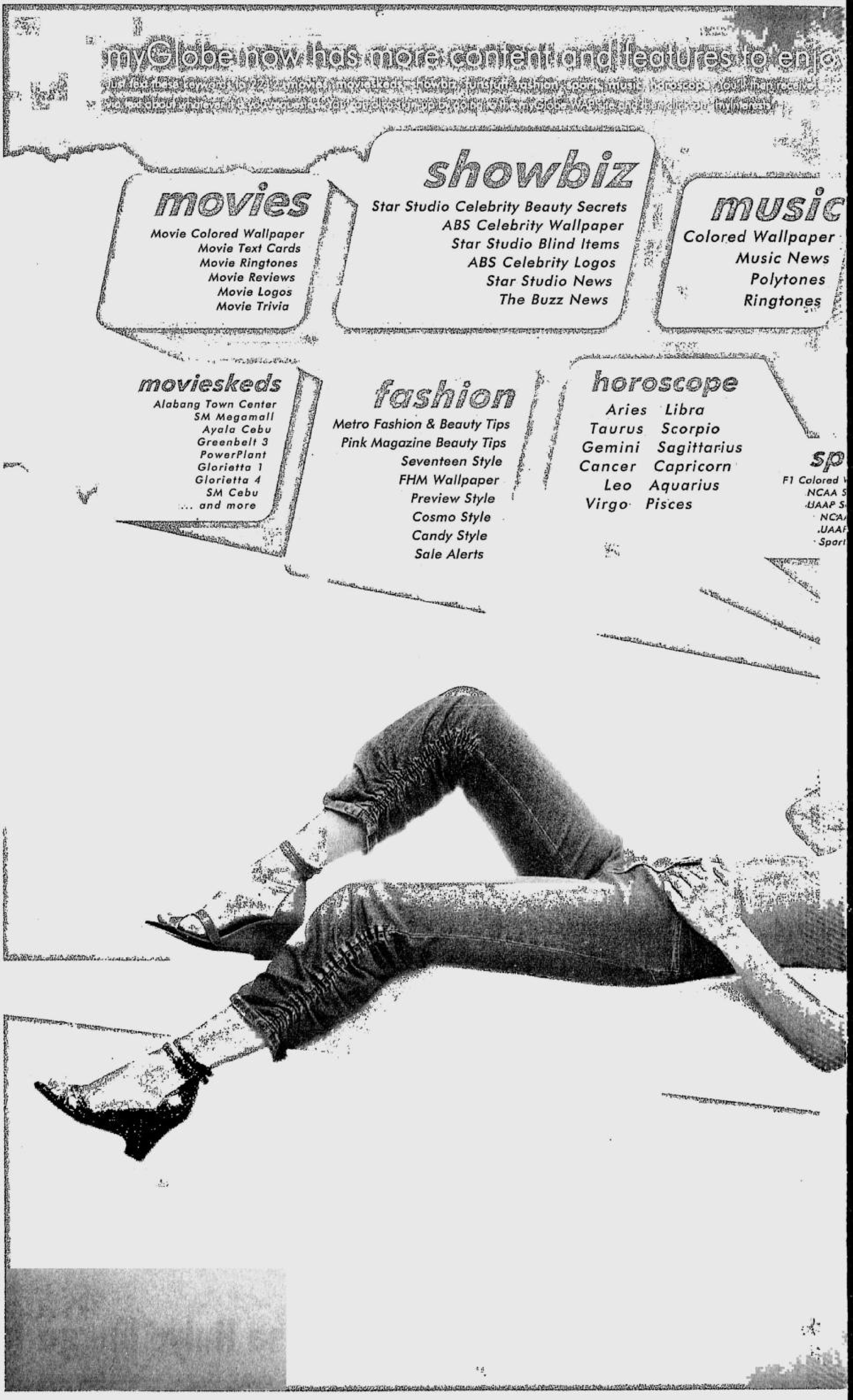

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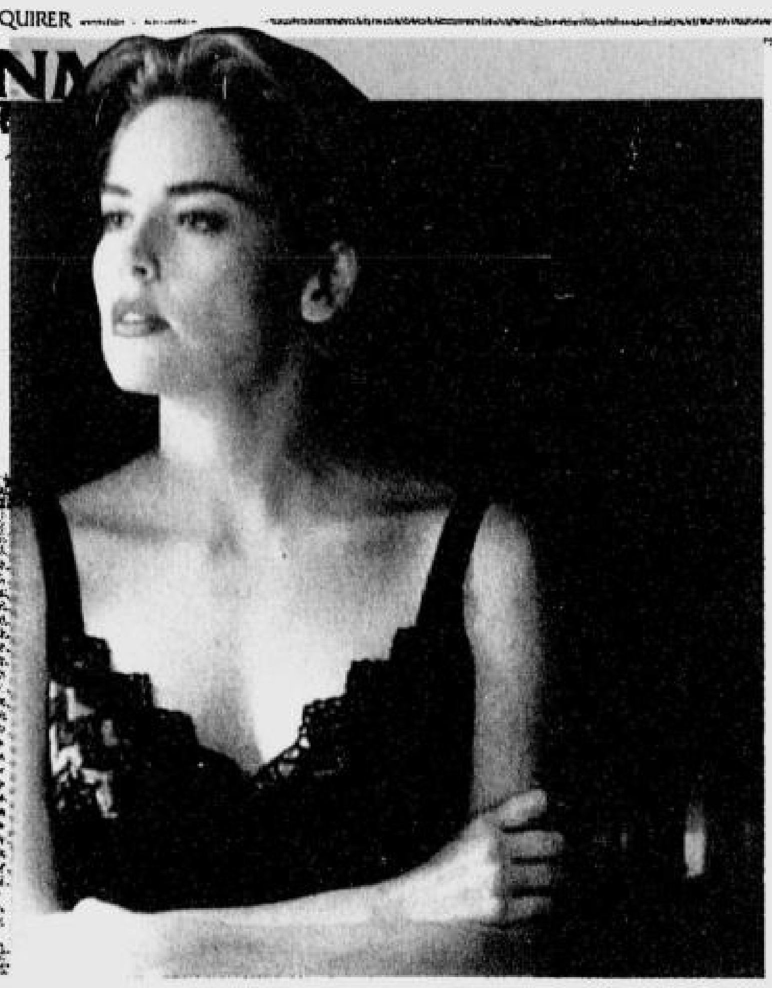


Carlo Maceda, 'child of a lesser god,' knows where his heart is

By Kathryn Fatima Reyes

CONFESSING shock, Carlo remembers finding out who his father is.

THE FIRST time Carlo Maceda faced the cameras, it was on Jullie Yap-Daza's talk show, in an episode entitled "Children of a Lesser God," about children of priests.

Carlo was one of those children.

That his father was a priest was a little known fact about Carlo. It is also something he has difficulty accepting until now.

Carlo says he was 12 when his grandmother "enlightened" him and his sister. He remembers that on his sister's 14th birthday, they saw a photograph of their father wearing a priest's clothes.

"I was so shocked," says Carlo, now a born-again Christian. He said there was a time he felt he was being judged unfairly because he was the son of a priest. He went through a denial stage, which resulted to his rebelling in his teenage years.

He says he still communicates with his father, who has retired in Canada after suffering a stroke.

Now 23, Carlo says going to college in the liberated environment of the University of the Philippines, where he took up BS Mathematics and Business Administration, made him become even more out of control. "*Ang tigas ng ulo ko*. I was very disobedient. Whatever they would say, I would do the opposite."

Acting, not baring

Despite all that, however, Carlo still had enough sense not to take his studies for granted. He even surpassed all expectations when he finished college at the age of 17, a really difficult thing to do considering that he took a double major in one of the toughest schools in the country.

With his good academic credentials, he could have ended up in a multinational company or managing his own business. But a twist of fate came last year when he won the top prize in the Mossimo Bikini Summit in Boracay. The title opened new doors for Carlo for it came with a movie contract with Viva Films.

He has done four movies to date, including Joel Lamangan's "Mano Po" and a starring role opposite sexpot Katya Santos in Mac Alejandre's "Sukdulan." He was also in the Cirio H. Santiago action movie "Operation Balikatan" in last June's Manila Film Festival. He is now starring in Tikoy Aguiluz's "www.xxx.com," where he claims he showed more of acting prowess than just skin. Another newcomer, Juliana Palermo, is in the movie along with Gary Estrada and Angelu de Leon.

Not wanting to be classified as another sexy actor, Carlo and his manager, Arnold Vegafria, try to choose a variety of roles for him. Carlo will next be trying his hands at comedy in "Pinay Pie" with Ai-Ai de las Alas.

"There's extra pressure when you're a newcomer," Carlo confesses. "So I took acting workshops privately."

The 6-foot-tall health buff also takes care of himself in other ways. He claims he does not drink and does not smoke, and he works out everyday.

Where his heart is

While Carlo now can only dream of winning an award for his acting skills, he already has a "trophy" to prove his abilities in moneymaking and entrepreneurship: a place of his own.

Next month, Carlo will be moving to his own condo unit in Mandaluyong, a product mostly of earnings from his many businesses. He owns a restaurant, Gerardo's, in front of ABS-CBN in Quezon City. He operates his own Internet café, Zion, in Fairview, also in Quezon City. He imports food supplements from abroad and sells popcorn.

He says that considering he has several businesses in addition to his acting career, he has learned to delegate. Since he studied business administration, all he had to do was develop a program to organize his concerns well. He believes being in show business brought him luck in his other ventures.

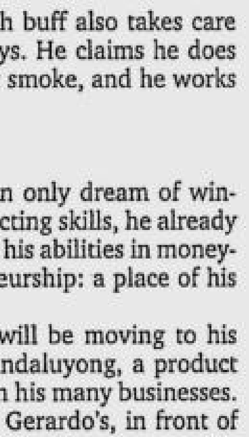
He says he joined show business because it is what makes him happy.

"It's where my heart is," he says.

DID YOU KNOW...

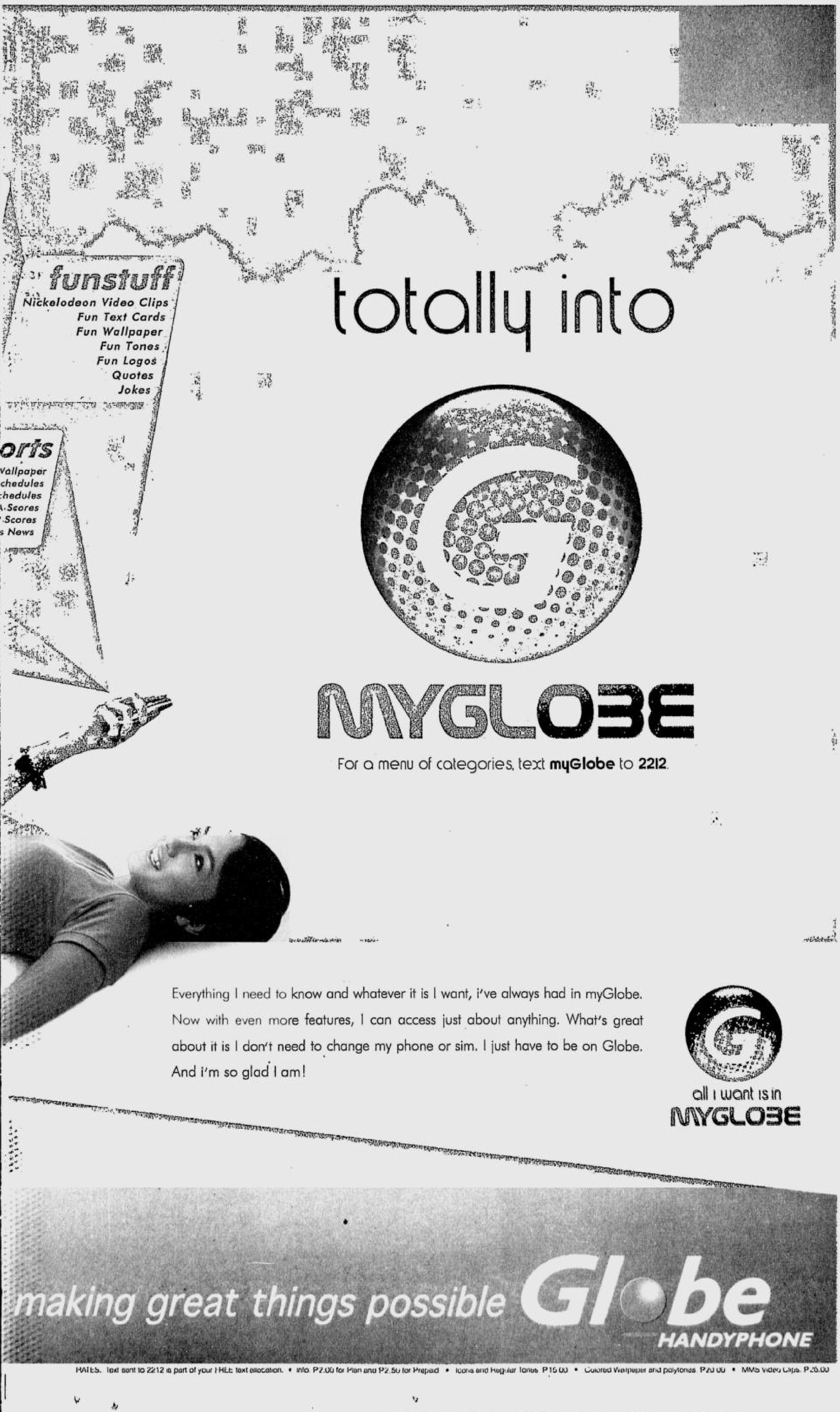
LJ Moreno and her boyfriend, cager **Rob Wainwright** of Coca-Cola, had dinner at California Pizza Kitchen in Glorietta 3 in Makati City two Thursday nights ago. The sweethearts had a chaperone, LJ's *alalay*. When it was time to pay, LJ and Rob went Dutch and split the bill.

SHOW TIME



PAOLO GOES MALLING

International star Paolo Montalban gets busy this weekend with mall appearances to promote his very first self-titled album from Vicor Music Corp. Join him at Robinson's Galleria today starting at 4 p.m. Paolo's first big break came when he was cast to play the Prince Charming in the Disney movie "Cinderella" opposite R&B star Brandy. With them in that movie were big stars like Whitney Houston and Whoopi Goldberg. "Paolo Montalban" the album has three Filipino and eight English songs. It's available in cassettes and CDs.



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Jackie Chan in Hollywood

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AFTER **Jackie Chan** had established his dominance as an action superstar in Asia, producer **Raymond Chow** decided that the time was ripe for Jackie to break into international filmmaking by way of Hollywood. Trouble was, while Jackie's antic fighting style had global appeal, his English was so bad that Hollywood producers felt he wouldn't be able to communicate well with his new, expanded audience.

Smarting from the periodic rejection, Jackie went back to making films in Asia, where his success was assured. But he continued to dream of international stardom, so he worked on his English, and tried again.

This time, he did get to make a film, "Project A," but it didn't do well because its plotting wasn't as eventful as American viewers preferred. Again, Jackie nursed the bruises of rejection by going back to Hong Kong and resuming his filmmaking career there.

Eventually, however, Jackie learned the lessons that had to be learned, and gave Hollywood yet another try. This time around, Jackie's handlers made sure that they chose an eventful project for him, something that American moviegoers would like.

That film, "Rush Hour," did so well that it topped the box office on its first week. Its good showing heartened Jackie so well because he had worked so hard on it.

Its shooting phase was quite stormy, with Jackie having strong differences of opinion with the production's American director of photography. The cinematographer couldn't figure out Jackie's unusual way of staying his complicated fight sequence, and left in a huff.

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

Instead of feeling insulted, the Asian star was happy because he could now have free rein in staging his action-comedy scenes in the film. He was confident that us viewers would be pleasantly surprised with his unique action highlights.

Moviegoers' strong reaction to the movie proved that Jackie's confidence in himself wasn't misplaced. In time, the action scenes he staged for his movies became so popular that even Hollywood veterans hailed Jackie as "one of the greatest action choreographers of all time" and as an actor who was "willing to risk life to entertain his audience."

"Rush Hour 2" did even better than the first film, making Jackie a major draw in Hollywood, after many years of trying. Even better, he now had his pick of the best action projects in town. Best of all, Hollywood's acceptance of Jackie Chan opened up the gates of studios to other Asian talents like **Jet Li, Chow Yun-fat, Michelle Yeoh**, and **Lucy Liu**.

But Jackie is still bothered by the fact that his Asian starrers and his Hollywood films have distinct audiences. He's looking for ways to make those two separate audiences "cross over" into each other, and hopes that the day will come when movies made in Asia, as opposed to Hollywood films with an Asian star, will also become popular worldwide.

Finally, Jackie Chan hopes to similarly cross over to other film types, so that he doesn't have to fight up a storm in every movie he makes to assure his films' success at box offices worldwide.

Well, if any Asian star can pull that difficult feat off, he can.

"Taken"

At 9 p.m. today, "Taken," a new sci-fi series about alien abducting, premieres on Star Movies. The series is executive-produced by **Steven Spielberg**, no less.

The $40-million series is about three families and their role in the history of alien abductions in the past 50 years.

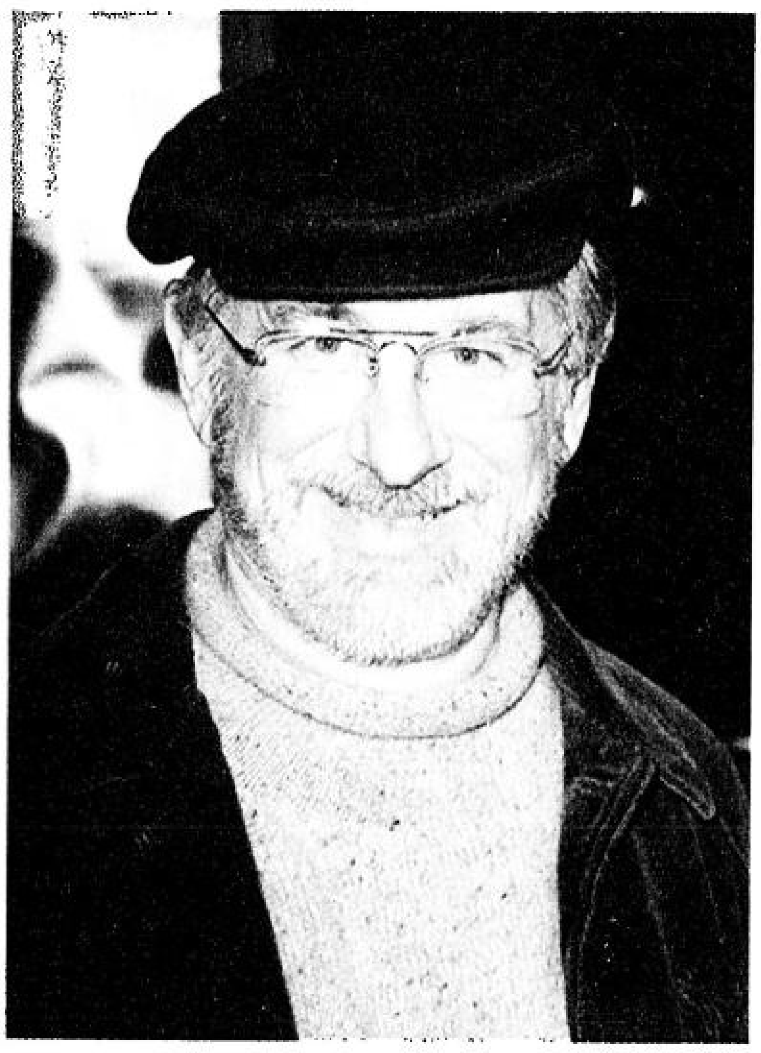
The Keys family's story begins with Capt. Russel keys, a World War II fighter pilot. Different members of the family become unwilling subjects of numerous alien abductions and experimentation.

The Clarks are a close-knit family who are loyal to the last. They'll do everything to protect their own-even if they're aliens.

And the Crawford family is headed by a ruthless and ambitious military man who will stop at nothing to unearth the secrets behind a downed spacecraft -- not even murder.

The paths of all three families inevitably cross and become enmeshed. "Taken" stars **Dakota Fanning, Joel Gretsch and Eric Close.**

Steven Spielberg returns to alien nation



MASTER STORYTELLER Spielberg presents a series on one of his favorite subjects, alien abduction, involving several generations of three families, including the child character at right.

By Marlet D. Salazar

AS IF his blockbuster movies were not enough, Steven Spielberg once again tackles the mystery of alien abduction in his newest opus, "Taken."

Hollywood's most celebrated storyteller first articulated his fascination for alien nation with his now-classic film, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," which starred Richard Dreyfuss and Melinda Dillon. With "Taken," Spielberg mixes historical facts and the wild imagination of writer and executive producer Les Bohem, a self-confessed science fiction enthusiast.

Bohem said he didn't think of writing a 10-part mega-series but treated Spielberg's vision more like a novel. Bohem consolidated the alternative views of believers, skeptics, official reports and historical accounts in an attempt to offer an explanation for the most fundamental question: Are we alone in the universe?

The story of "Taken" delves into a half-century search for an answer to that question. The $40-million tale of alien abduction starts off in the sky over Nazi Germany in 1944, continues in Alaska in the 1970s, and to Seattle in the present.

Each episode was directed by a different director. As with most of Spielberg's works, the series is character-driven. The believers, skeptics, as well as the power-hungry "villains" are all represented in the story by several generations of three families— the Keys, the Clarkes, and the Crawfords.

The aliens in the story remain the same big-headed, big-eyed, skinny creatures depicted in most SF movies, but the cast said the aliens look spookier than the usual, according to the "Taken" production notes.

The details about the appearances of the aliens were kept a secret so that even in the in-the-making special, the aliens were not clearly shown.

"Taken" hopes to untangle the chilling web of mystery and controversy that shrouds alien abductions. It unfolds on Star Movies at 9 p.m.

PREGNANT birthday girl with parents Eddie and Annabelle and brothers Rocky and Richard.

Ruffa turns...

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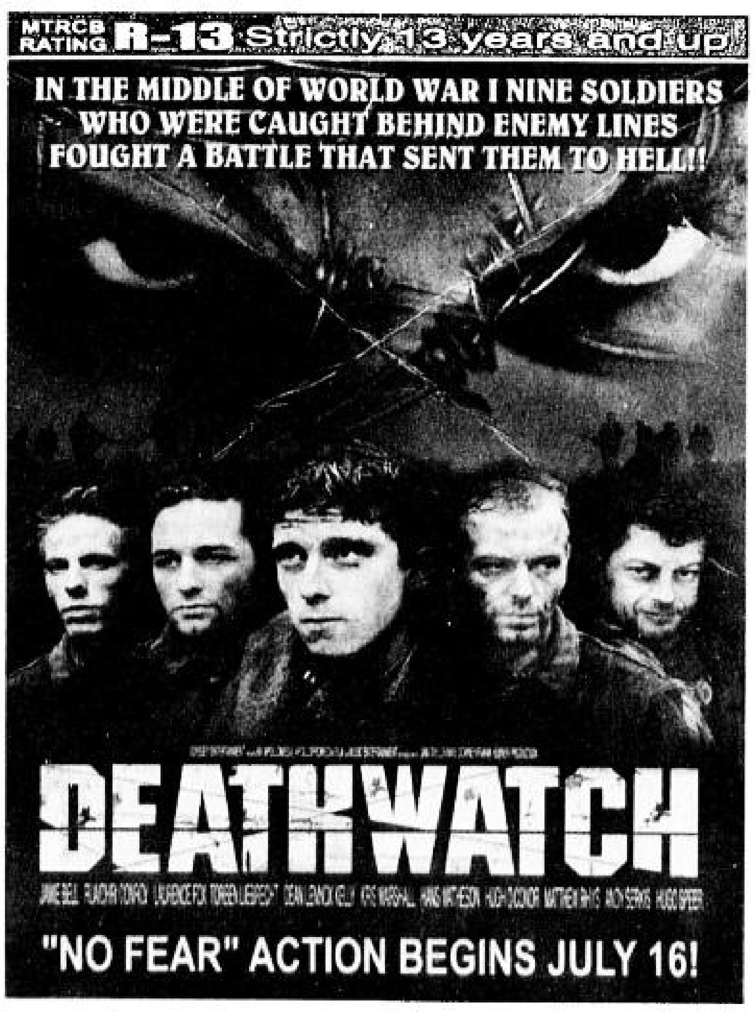
a baby girl.

"Yilmaz and I are excited over the coming of Princess Bektas," Ruffa said through text messages. "I'm taking my new role as a mother-to-be very seriously. All I do is shop for the nursery (thanks to James of Juvenile Shop, who's helping me in the design) and the baby. She's not even born yet, *pero puro* designer *na* clothes *niya. Mana sa* mommy *niya*."

Ruffa is expected to give birth on Aug. 8 at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, with Dr. Christina Adberg as her gynecologist. Ruffa practised Kundalini yoga as taught by Gurmuck, the guru of supermodel-actress Cindy Crawford, at the Golden Bridge Yoga, until last month.

"But it has been a busy summer for me," Ruffa said. "I've had four baby showers. I attended Donita's wedding and her bridal shower. I've been doing pre-natal yoga and birthing classes, and I moved into my new home at Marina del Rey."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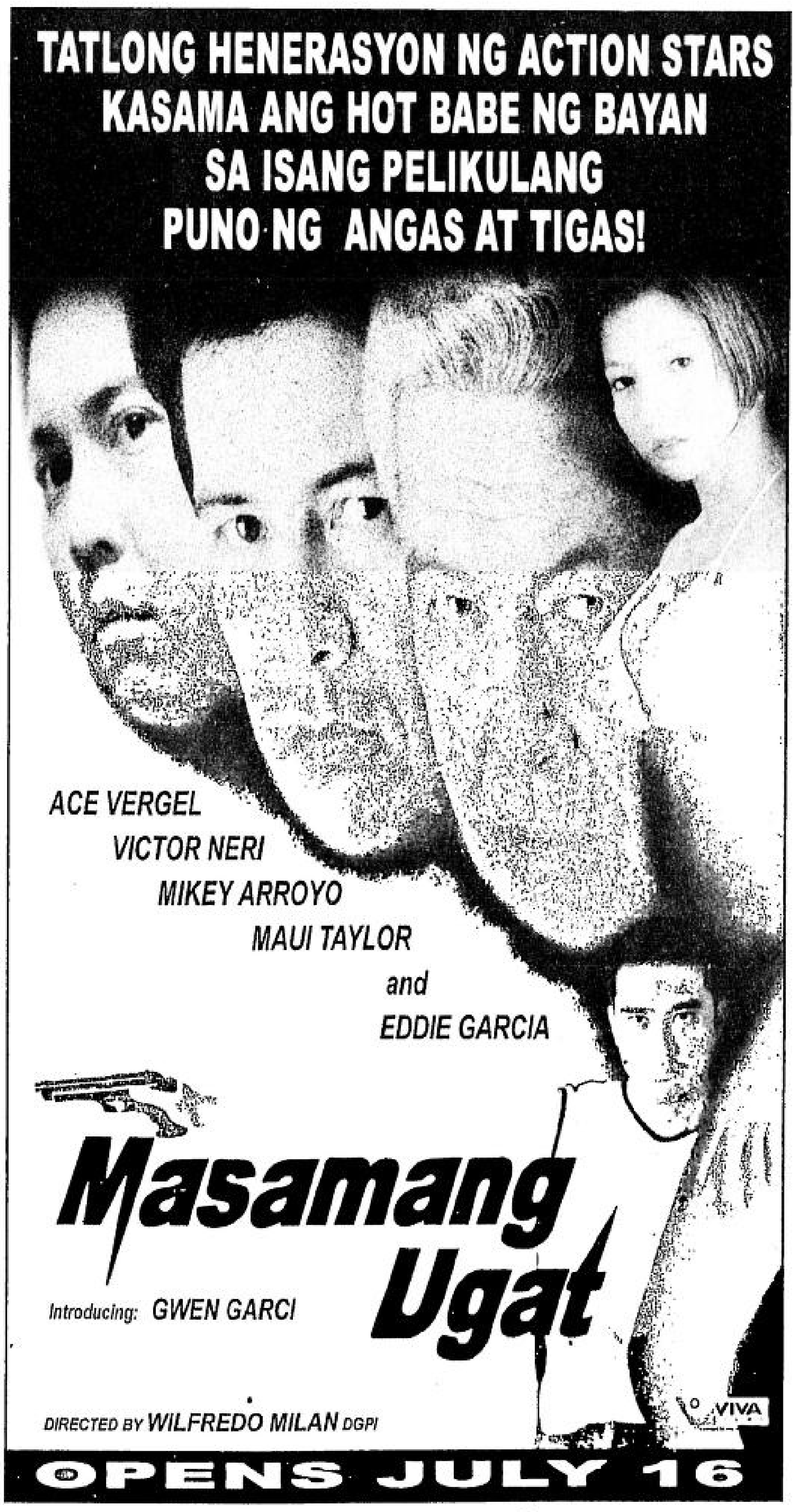

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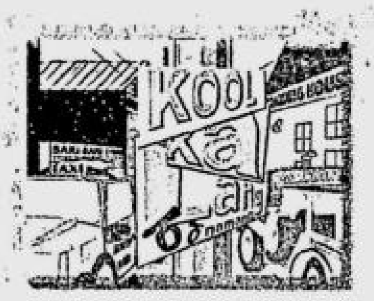

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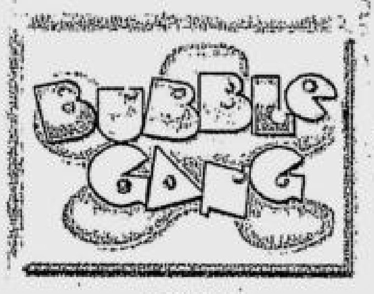

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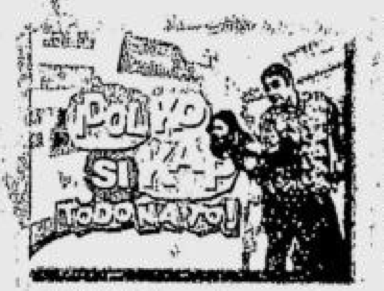

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Halimbawa: Sa pag-uusap ni Magz and Jack biglang magkakabra si Jack.

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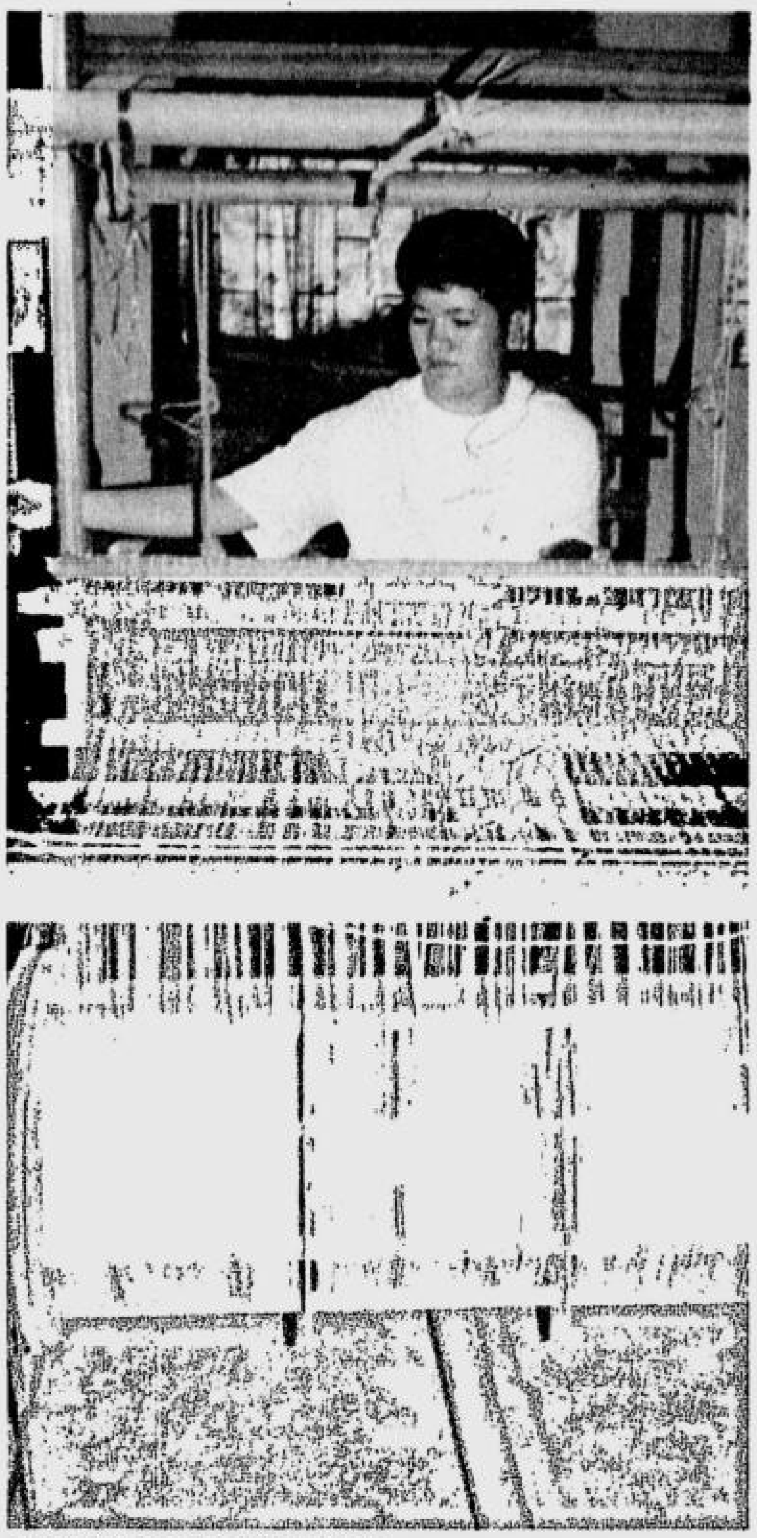

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Simple technologies from DOST are helping small and medium enterprises become more globally competitive

Filipino handicraft, delicacies getting world-class makeover

Text by Tita V. Giron
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A UNIQUE road show is blazing a trail across different regions of the country to present a different kind of fare: down-to-earth technologies designed to turn humble homespun enterprises into productive and profitable ventures. Touching dramas unfold along the way as success stories are shared, such as backroom businesses that started from scratch and have already earned their first million.

The regional visits are spearheaded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and are designed to showcase the results of a flagship project called Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (Set-Up).

A tour of Regions 7 (Cebu, Negros Oriental, among others) and 8 (primarily Samar and Leyte) became an opportunity to see what was going on in the Visayas. Weather was good and production activities were in full swing because it was the time of year when factories were wrapping up orders for Christmas and New Year. With us were DOST Regional Directors Rene Burt Llanto and Edgardo M. Esperancilla.

It was not possible to visit all the DOST projects in the regions that cover a wide range of enterprises like food processing, gifts/toys/houseware, natural fibers and dyes, marine and aquatic resources, metals and engineering, as well as horticulture. Armed with new technologies, the small cottage industries in the regions were slowly but steadily moving towards the world market.

Food for world mart

In Leyte and Samar, both in Region 8, ethnic foods are now sporting trendy packages and labels conforming to international standards. Export quality *binagol* and *moron*, two popular delicacies in the South, are now being exported to Filipinos in Canada and some parts of the United States. *Tinapas* from Calbayog City are now available in Singapore, Brunei and Australia. Well-crafted products made of Manila hemp, marsh weed and coconut fiber are already popular in the world of fashion and interior decoration.

Bohol in Region 7 has given a new look to its traditional peanut candies. They now come in export quality packages that keep the product fresh longer. Manufactured by Buccarez Food Processing Company, the peanut kisses are promoted as low-cholesterol and all-natural products.

"New technologies have made a big difference in the region's wide range of products that include the two major dollar earners, namely coconut fiber products and *abaca* fiber (known worldwide as Manila hemp)," disclosed Esperancilla.

DOST Region 8 is assisting 25 promising projects that range from mudcrab hatchery, *makapuno* embryo culture, Romblon handicraft, Biliran ceramics, cassava, small ruminants.

Success stories

When it comes to furniture and fashion accessories, Cebu's small and medium enterprises (SMEs) have gone a long way from being "sidewalk hawkers" to exporters and proud exhibitors at prestigious trade shows here and abroad.

"Technology upgrade has made it possible for SMEs to break into the foreign market. They have websites now and they communicate through the Internet," Llanto boasted. He cited the costume jewelry suppliers who were once known as "*puka* shell gatherers." According to him, "They are now supplying fashion houses here and abroad with high-grade and skillfully polished semiprecious stones, resins, silver, botanicals and many indigenous materials."

A technology package includes manpower training, technical assistance, and consultancy. It covers Internet-based information system, packaging and labeling designs that meet international standards, upgrade of product standards and testing procedures. "And, oh yes, also available in the package is small funding assistance," Llanto added.

A visit to MODS, a furniture exporting factory in a small barangay in Compostela, Cebu made us proud of Filipino workmanship and ingenuity. The factory produces custom-made furniture with inlaid stones and indigenous materials mixed with resin, fiberglass and wood.

Owner Romeo Toledo, a former engineer in a paint company, said his factory started five years ago with a P100,000 initial capital. Today, earnings from exports have surpassed expectations. Products are sold in France, Germany, United Kingdom, Greece, United States and the Middle East.

Toledo acknowledged the big role DOST played in developing handheld tools and equipment, designing a more efficient work area, improving operations, etc.

The two regional directors agreed that "bringing technology to SMEs in the countryside will make them a force to contend with in the face of global trade liberalization."

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MOD'S Furniture owner Romeo Toledo and Rep. Simeon Kintanar discuss livelihood opportunities for folks in the second district of Cebu.

ETHNIC food in improved packaging

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By Word *of* Mouth

Your basic information on mouth problems

The mouth, as one of the most essential parts in the human body, functions as a window to the outside environment. By its faculty, one is able to eat, breathe, and speak properly. The mouth also permits the expression of our emotions, such as smiling, crying, laughing, kissing, and whistling.

The mouth or the oral cavity is an incredible mechanism made of various organs that allow it to perform its role in respiratory and digestive processes – the lips, the jaws, the teeth and gums, and the tongue.

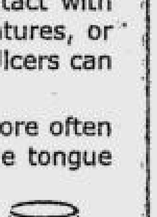
Maintaining the health of our mouth and its organs is crucial in our day-to-day living and in our interaction with others. This article discusses a typical complaint in the mouth that needs our attention and care.

Mouth Ulcers

Mouth ulcers are breaks in the lining of the mouth. They are usually characterized by crater-like lesions that sting when touched or when they come into contact with food. Mouth ulcers occur due to stress and trauma. Hot food, rough dentures, or brushing with a toothbrush can bring about trauma and injury to the oral cavity. Ulcers can also be caused by viral or bacterial infections, dryness and toxic agents.

Mouth ulcers are common especially among adolescents and young adults, and more often in women than in men. They appear on the sides of the mouth, the gums, or the tongue and may usually last for 3 days up to a week.

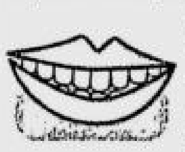
Time allows the sores to heal by themselves. Topical medication may be applied to relieve pain and to avoid further complications. Good oral hygiene is the best way to prevent it. A proper oral care routine consisting of brushing, flossing, and gargling can help prevent the disorder. An antiseptic mouthwash provides relief and coats the surface of the sore to keep the infection from progressing. Smoking and harmful stress should be avoided.



Canker Sores

Canker sores are a common type of mouth ulcer. They are also referred to as apthous stomatitis or more popularly, singaw. Canker sores appear as painful, whitish or yellowish ulcers surrounded by a red area on the insides of the lips and cheeks or under the tongue. Anyone can get canker sores, but they usually appear between the ages of 10 and 40 and may come back repeatedly. They are also common among children with braces. Recurrent canker sores happen in about a fifth of the population.

The sores, which take around one to two weeks to heal, range in size -- from an eighth of an inch wide in diameter to about an inch in very severe cases. Usually, a person will have one or a few sores at a time.



There are several factors that seem to predispose one to canker sores, among them:

- Toothpastes and mouthwashes that contain sodium lauryl sulfate (SLS)
- Trauma, such as a bite, irritation from a sharp tooth or a type of food, or rough brushing usually precipitates the formation of canker sores
- Stress
- Nutritional deficiencies -- Vitamins B and C, zinc, iron, folic acid, calcium, and selenium
- Allergies
- Hormones
- Medications
- Genetics
- Viral or bacterial infections and
- Other Medical conditions

Canker sores are self-limiting, but there are some medications you can take to minimize pain and discomfort. Topical ointments with anesthetics may be used to reduce inflammation and pain. Antiseptic mouthwashes help minimize the discomfort and keep the mouth healthy.

However, if the sores are unusually large, very sore, last longer than two weeks, or are accompanied by high fever, it is best that you consult a medical specialist. Your doctor may prescribe an anti-inflammatory medicine after conducting a thorough examination of the mouth and tongue.

Caring for oneself means observing the proper ways to prevent diseases and ailments. Today's economy dictates the need for such measures so that you may be free from health problems. This way, you don't put your money where your mouth is.

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A health update from the throat care experts, PSO-HNS and Bactidol.

French Spring comes to Cebu

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Jaime Picornell

A WHIFF of French Spring came to Cebu in two parts—a voice recital and a festival of French films. All thanks to the Arts Council, which once more teamed up with the Embassy of France and its consulate in Cebu.

The music event featured soprano **Aude Priya Wacziarg** and collaborating pianist **Florian Bollot**. It was held at the well-appointed and acoustically perfect ballroom of the City Sports Club near Ayala Center. An elegant crowd led by French Consul **Richard Forteau** filled the venue.

Vikki Hermosisima, who speaks French with a delightful Parisian accent, announced the start of the program and the entrance of the artists. A hush fell, punctuated by whispers of "how young, how pretty," as Aude swept in.

"I will take you on a tour of Europe with my songs," she said. Giving her rapt attention from their seats were **Paqui Aboitiz, Quina Melendez, Annie Osmeña Aboitiz, Jo Magsaysay, Amelia Lao, Lourdes Nacise** and her son **Paolo**, who had been directed to occupy an area for optimum listening pleasure.

First on the itinerary was Australia with Schubert's "The Trout," an anecdote about which shook some of those in the front row with giggles.

The next two songs were still in German, one by Clara Schumann, the other by Richard Strauss. Florian regaled the audience with a piano solo, "Consolation" by Liszt, which Aude would surely have sung had there been lyrics in Magyar.

To represent France was "Le spectre de la rose" by Berlioz, and there were two selections by Fernando Obradors to represent Spain.

Then it was Russia with Tchaikovsky's "Not a word, my friend," and to conclude the first part with bravado, the popular melody "Occiciornie." That's what we all know as "Ojos Negros," so now we know it is not Hispanic, but Russian.

The buzz during the interval was that Arts Council president **Petite Garcia** had excelled herself with this event. Chair **Elena Young** and **Maxwell Espina** readily acknowledged her thoroughness in producing the souvenir program, with notes on every song, historical background, and in many of the cases, their original lyrics in the respective languages in which Aude sang them.

The second part opened in England, with "Rejoice" from "The Messiah" by Handel, and an aria from Purcell's "History of Diocletian." There was another solo piano to represent Poland—Chopin's "Scherzo."

Two songs were worth the entire program: Solveig's aria in Norwegian from Grieg's "Peer Gynt" and "O Silver Moon" in Czech from Dvorak's immortal opera "Rusalka." Many followed it, a bit hummingly, too.

The finale featured Italy through the music of Puccini. First was "O mio babbino caro" from "Gianni Schicchi" and next was Musetta's waltz from "La Boheme."

The audience went wild with applause, and as one, stood up in an ovation. **Mariter Dumon Klepp**, statuesque as ever, climbed the dais to present flowers.

Aude motioned to the audience to sit, reminded them that the performance would not be what it was without her adorable pianist, and went into a delightful encore that focused on her dramatic talent. In a mix of English and French, she sang Satie's "La Diva de l'empire."

Fun in a row

For the Arts Council, this was the second night of fun in a row. The previous evening, officers and trustees had gathered at the wine cellar of the Tinder Box in a farewell party for **Christine Wasfy**. She is the well-loved general manager of the Marriott Hotel, scene of many a cultural event.

Christine's tour of duty is about to conclude, and the consolation is that she is not going as far as her native Austria, but someplace closer—to Vietnam.

Marissa Fernan and **Elvira Luym** had plotted an excellent menu, starting with crispy Vietnamese spring rolls and followed by a rich asparagus soup.

There was a choice of either salmon or veal as a main course, but to everyone's surprise, a trout dish was peddled. It wasn't part of the set menu, but who had ordered it? The mystery was solved the next evening, and giggled over, when Aude sang about a glistening trout.

The creme brulée served for dessert was so good everyone slowly savored it. The main excuse for lingering, really, was the beautiful decor credited to **Jaime Chua**, who had devised a long row of golden bamboo stalks.

Out of them spewed masses of orchids in all colors. Those velvety cattleyas ended up either as corsages or in votive vases in many a family altar that night.

There's a lull in the Arts Council calendar of events as this is that time of the year when an all-out campaign is made to gather sponsors.

> Soprano Aude Priya Wacziarg took us on a tour of Europe with her repertoire of delightful classical arias

Globe has been most generous in the past year, as well as Cebu Holdings, the Cebu City government, Coca-Cola and Pagcor.

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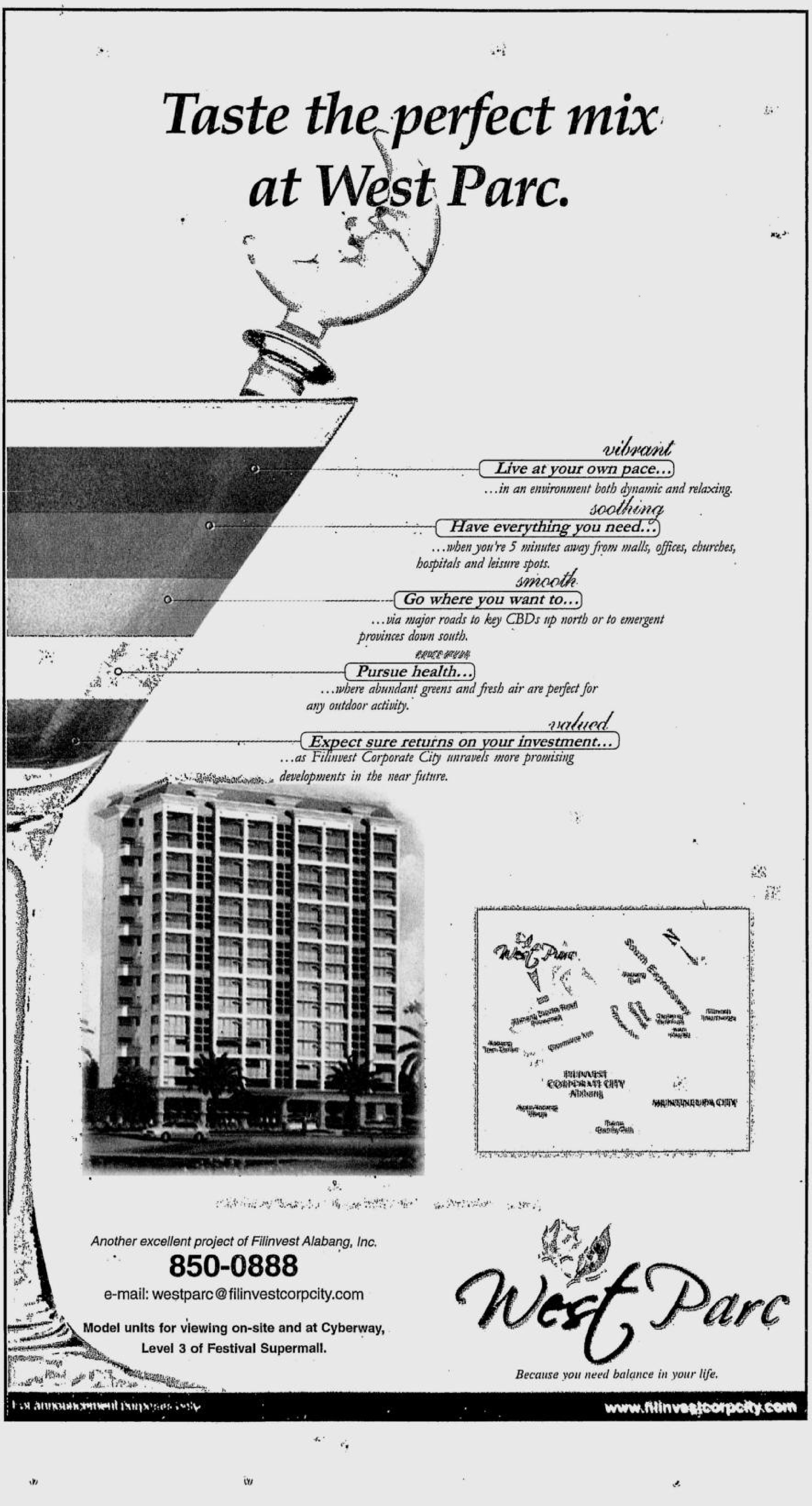

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AGA Muhlach receives reading package consisting of Filipino-authored children's books from SAS officials...

Making reading a hard habit to break

Text by Raquel P. Gomez
Photos by Johnny Villena

THE SUNDAY affair in a busy mall in San Fernando City in Pampanga had the elements of a spectacular show—a big show-biz personality, lively hosts, booming speakers, spectators, fun and laughter, and even a book-reading session onstage.

But what made it different were more than a hundred public schoolchildren and their teachers on the occasion of the Pampanga launch of Sa Aklat Sisikat.

SAS is a private sector-initiated literacy program that makes fourth-grade students in public schools read for an hour for 31 days to develop in them the habit of reading.

About 2,600 students from 14 public schools in Pampanga stand to benefit from SAS, which will also train the teachers in fostering the habit of reading and distribute about 3,900 books to the schools.

Since it was established in 1999, SAS has become a spectacular hit in its own right.

Already, 180 public schools in Manila, Marikina and Nasugbu in Batangas have joined the program, benefiting some 56,550 students. Some 852 teachers have been trained. The number of children's books, all authored by Filipino writers, distributed to the schools has reached 54,440.

By the end of this year, SAS intends to spread to 106 more schools in Muntinlupa, Bulacan, Pampanga, Makati, and the Little Red School House (established by the Coca-Cola Foundation) nationwide. Almost 26,000 more grade-four students will benefit this year, 489 more teachers will be trained, and 32,460 more books will be distributed.

Success

The program has been a big success, according to Margarita Delgado, SAS president. It started only as an outreach literacy campaign by the Museo Pambata for the children of Manila in 1999.

The program became an independent foundation in partnership with Petron in 2001.

"The leap has been quite extraordinary," says Delgado, referring to the five-fold increase in the number of students serviced by SAS compared with last year's. "SAS vision is to build a nation of readers, that's our dream and that's what we're working towards."

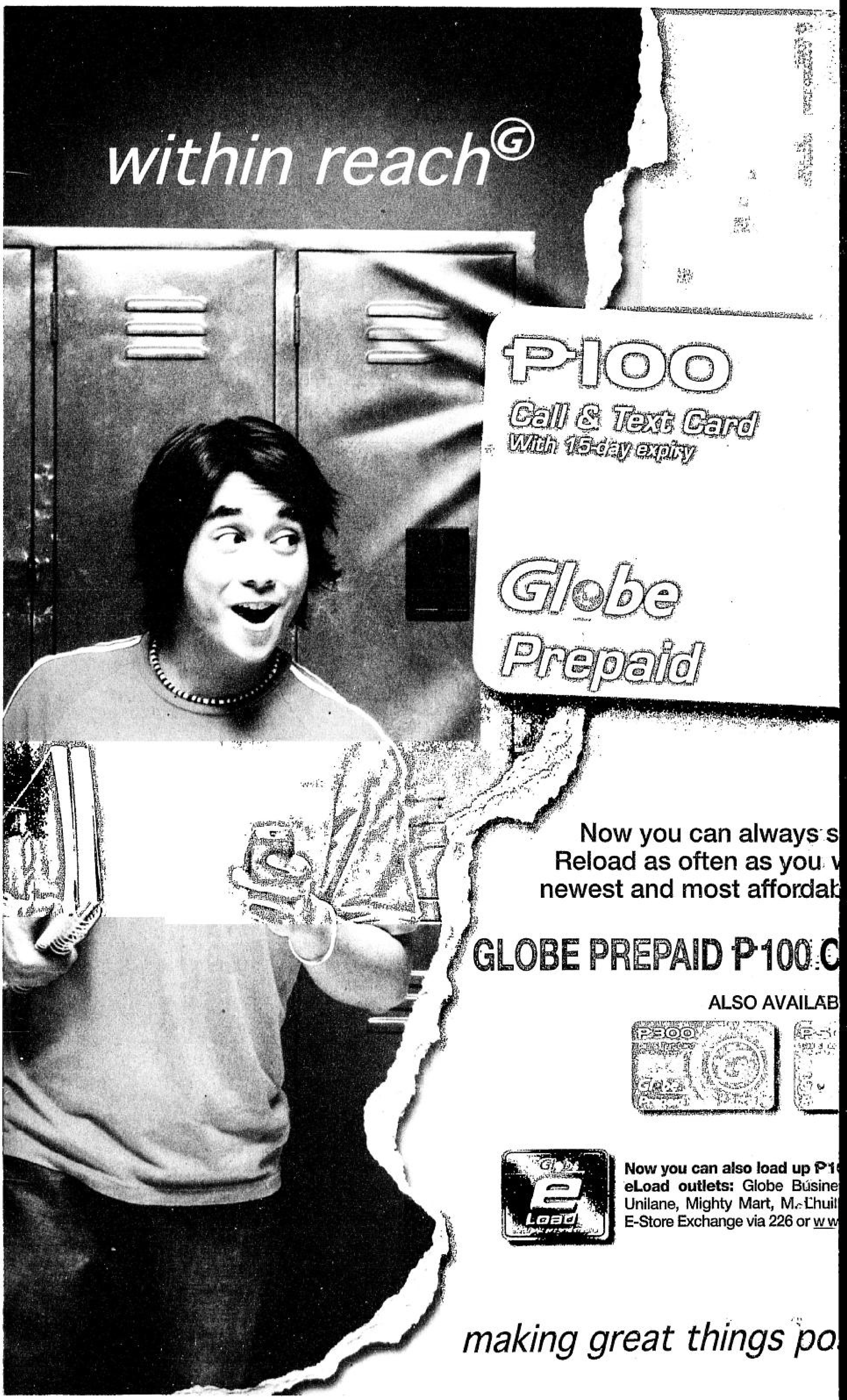
Delgado and Lizzie Zobel, SAS vice president, are the two prime movers of the program. Both are board directors of Museo Pambata. They saw the need to focus on education, particularly of children in the public schools whose access to books is limited.

"Because we feel education is the most effective weapon against poverty," says Delgado. "And what's the first step to education? The children have to know how to read. If they can read, they can educate themselves."

SAS has two important components: the "Read-A-Thon," reading done by a student for an hour every day, and the training of teachers.

About 60 books—particularly those that

SAN Fernando City Mayor Rey Aquino



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Sa Aklat Sisikat reaches more schools in the provinces

... AND reads to kids.

PUBLIC school teachers from San Fernando City do an animated storytelling session onstage.

impart positive Filipino values—are given to each class, so everyone has a book to read.

The books are kept in a colorful SAS booth or shelf inside the classroom; it becomes the SAS reading corner.

After the reading session, the students are made to answer questions about what they've read in a "passport," a review booklet.

No pressure

The students aren't graded or pressured into learning, says Zobel, because the activity is meant to encourage reading comprehension.

The SAS is given to fourth-grade students since studies indicate that comprehension in children begins at the age of nine.

"By the end of 31 school days, the children have been introduced to the pleasure of reading and doing an activity for many times, it becomes a habit. Hopefully that will increase the students' ability to comprehend what they're reading," says Zobel.

"Right now, the biggest problem we have is that the children know how to read but they don't comprehend what they're reading."

A survey showed "very clear changes in attitudes toward reading," according to Zobel.

"The children have a more positive attitude toward reading. And we can see a more positive attitude toward learning."

"I even noticed in the surveys that values made an impact," says Delgado.

By now, Delgado and Zobel are used to interacting with public schoolchildren and teachers. They say they have also become more determined to reach out to "generous sponsors" to back up the project so that it will reach public schools nationwide.

SAS in Pampanga is supported by Jollibee. "Jollibee believes in the reading program of SAS," says Jollibee's VP for marketing Inez Reyes. "The program has a long-term effect and corresponds to our commitment to children empowerment and development."

It is also supported by the City of San Fernando under Mayor Rey Aquino.

The children eagerly devoured the books. "For many of them, it's the first time they held a new book," Zobel says. "They smell it, spend several minutes smelling it. And it's a very nice sight. That's why we say to them, if you read *'sikat' ka rin, 'sisikat' ang* future *mo* (your future will shine if you read)."

Latest trends in parenting in TV show

"MOMMY Academy," a television show on parenting, aims to provide parents with the latest information and education they need to care for and raise children.

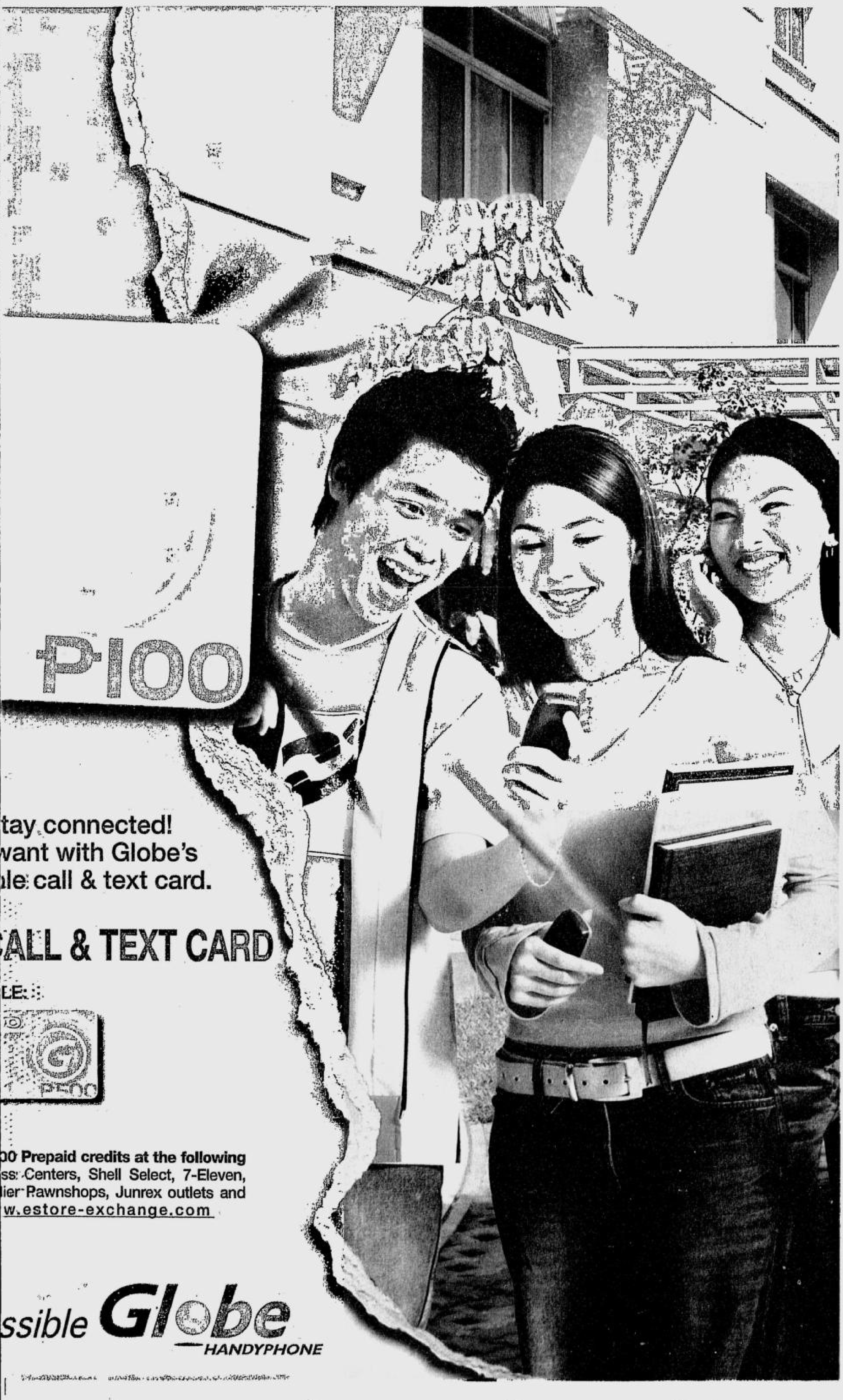
Launched in 1999 by Dr. Rico and Tesa Geronimo, the TV program is now on its fourth year. It is aired 11-11:30 a.m. Saturday on ABC 5 with Chiqui Roa-Puno as host.

"Mommy Academy" is a member of the Moms Team (Moms Toward Education and Active Motherhood), which organizes educational seminars for moms and fun activities for children. The group is composed of entrepreneur-mothers Vicky Jalandoni and Joanna Ongpin-Duarte of Big & Small Co., Havin' A Baby, Spin and Orange Juice; Janice Crisostomo and Candy Cu of Mommy Matters Nursingwear and Pia Cayetano of Maxibear and Maxitoylab.

"Mommy Academy" held recently its ninth "Pedia Talk" seminar "Elementary Parenting" at the New World Renaissance Hotel in Makati City. It was attended by some 600 parents, teachers and others. Speakers included

Prof. Mayda Alvarez of the University of the Philippines, and Doctors Ria de Guzman and Dr. May Book-Montellano, both of the Far Eastern University-Nicanor Reyes Memorial Foundation Hospital.

"Mommy Academy" is now preparing for its 10th Pedia Talk Live Seminar, "Food Habits." Topics include "Obesity and Underweight", "Handling Picky Eaters" and the "Right Way to Eat for Two" on Aug. 2 at the New World Hotel. Admission is free. Call 825-6564/7454, 852-6162, 894-4172 or 780-9898.



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Slim, seamless and Slimane

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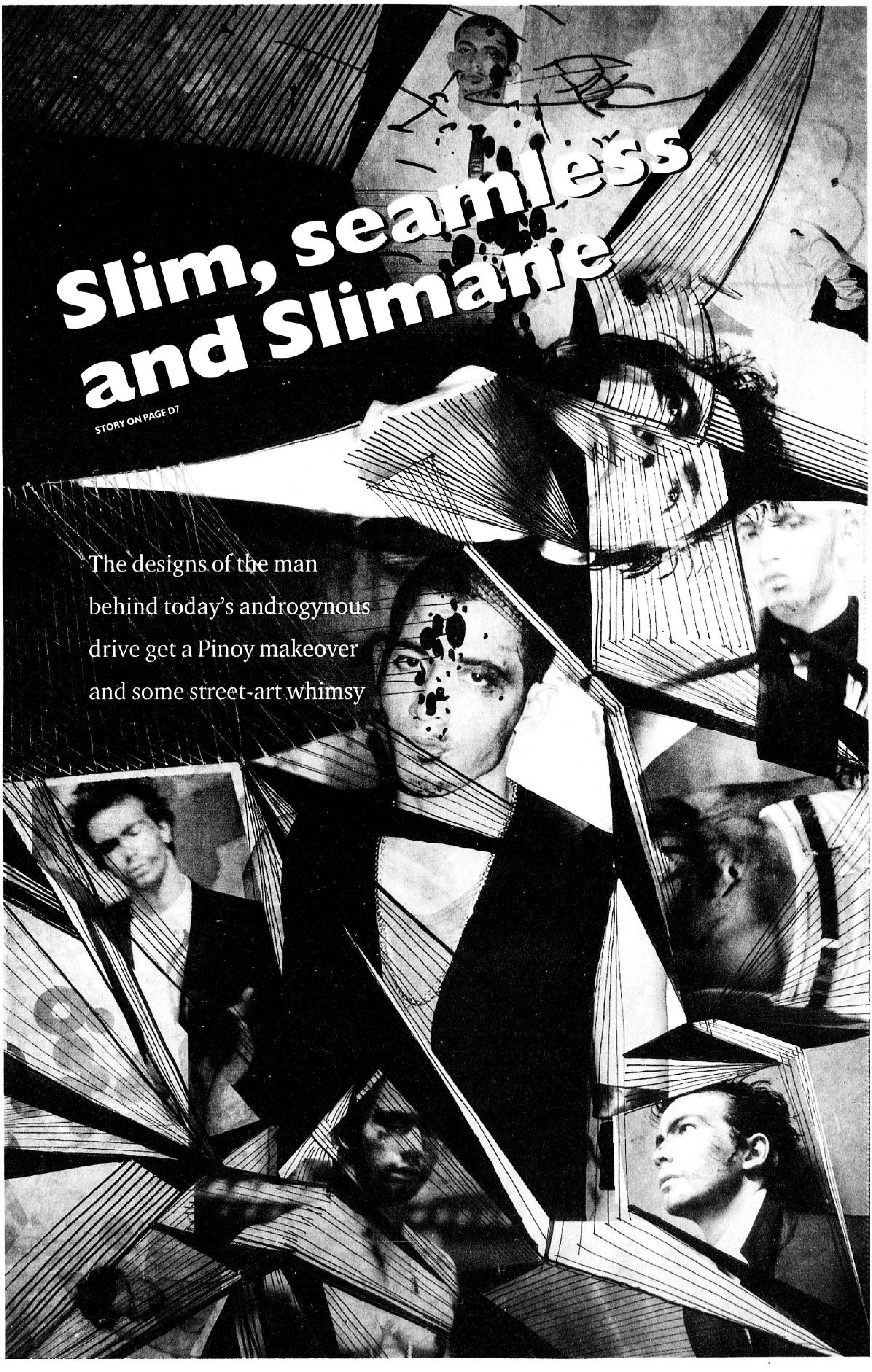
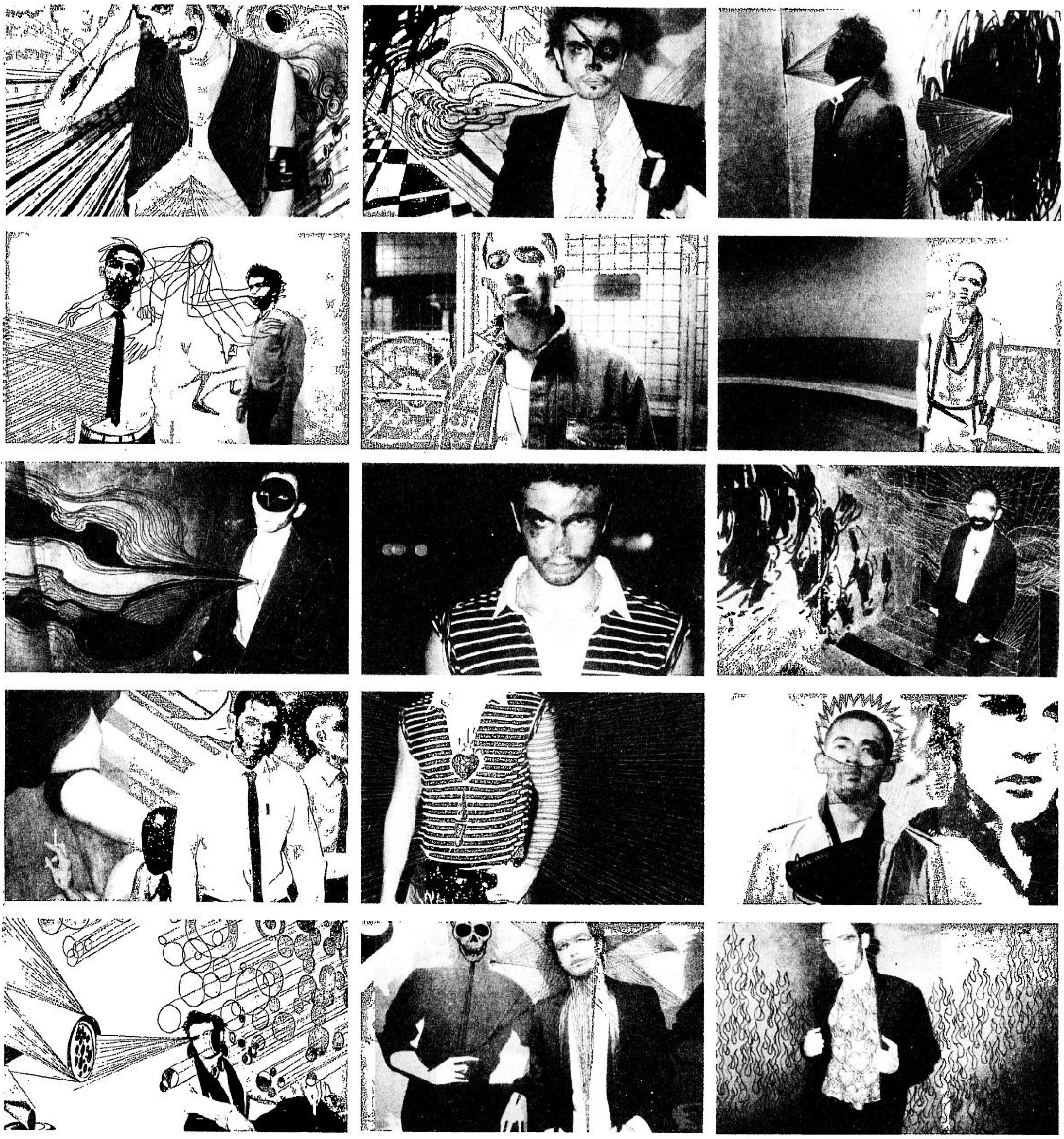
The designs of the man behind today's androgynous drive get a Pinoy makeover and some street-art whimsy





Slim, seamless and Slimane

Hedi Slimane uncovers the souls of men and the streets of Berlin in his Dior collection for Spring/Summer 2003

BLENDING the soul of the street with razor-sharp tailoring, Dior's Hedi Slimane answers the question: What is fashion for men now?

At the helm of a house that has no menswear tradition to speak of, Slimane is turning things around by, ironically, leading the new menswear movement through his latest collection for Dior Homme, "Follow Me."

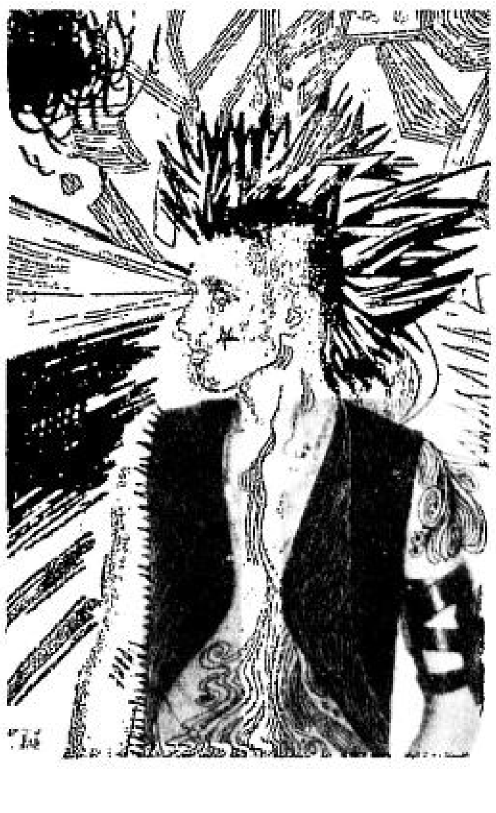
Strongly influenced by Berlin's chaotic scene, a city he describes as the most creative in the world, this visionary redefines menswear by mixing the hard-edged with the seamless, and revealing the softness hidden in the masculine.

Slimane is, in fact, credited for the current popularity of the androgynous look, and women have been lapping up his men's suits.

Fashion, like life, is enjoyed and lived in its time, Slimane tells Flaunt magazine. It evolves and spins fast, like the street—too quick even for fashion designers to keep pace with. It should be a by-product of individuality—a communion of unique voices that chime together to create a perfect rhythm, while each part remains beautifully distinct.

Employing the image of youth, for Slimane, reinforces the absence of boundaries and prejudices. An open vessel of ideas, receptive to all things new and diverse, the youth concocts the now; the rest simply follows.

In this Lifestyle exclusive produced by Jappy Gonzalez, photographed by Steve Tirona and styled by Michael Salientes, the avant-garde Kiko Escora has added a dash of street art to the photographs.



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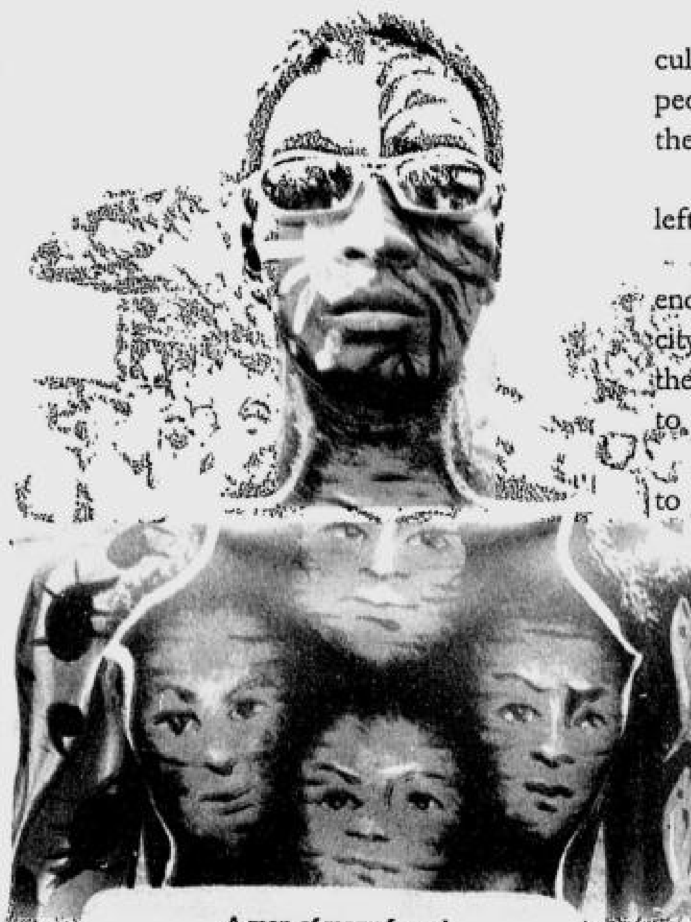
Great Globe Connections

Intensity G Conjures Vivid Images of The Waray's Glorious Past In Pintados 2003



A man of many faces!

A fierce looking tribe of Pintados gets ready for dancing for the *Warays.*

The Pintados Festival once again drew witness to the impressive cultural heritage, indigenous music and rhythmic dances of the people of Leyte. Of course, Globe's Intensity G was there with the Leyteños to pay tribute to the Waray's historic traditions.

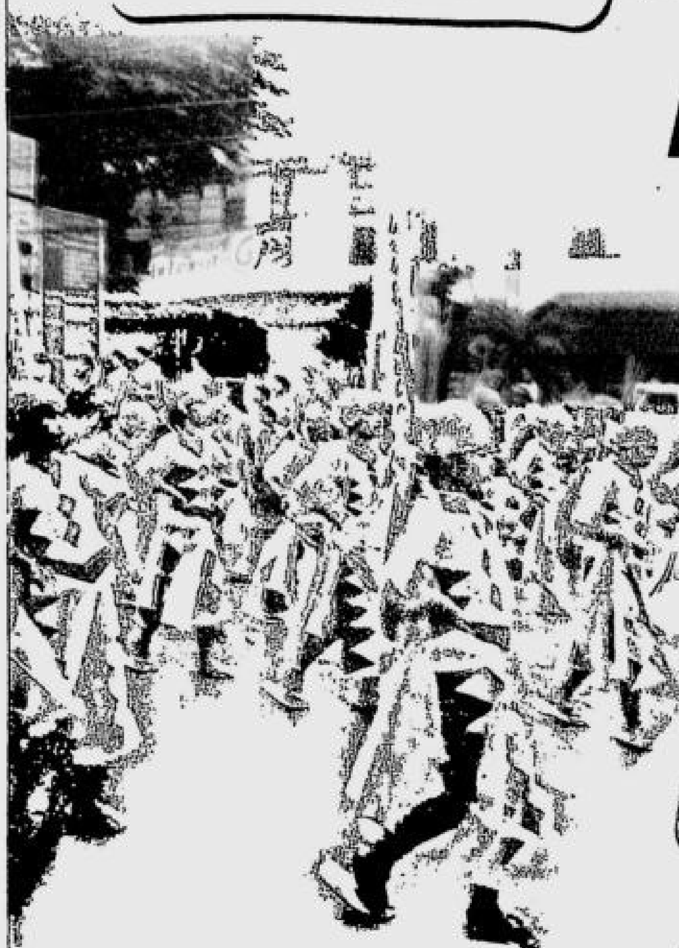
Intensity G scored a line-up of events and activities that surely left a mark on this year's celebrations.

On the morning of June 29, popular Globe Hi-Memory SIM endorser July marshaled the Intensity G Motorcade, touring Tacloban's city streets and meeting throngs of enthusiastic *Leyteños* who greeted the vibrant Globe endorser and T.V. personality. The crowds hustled to catch exclusive Globe merchandise tossed at them by July.

At the stroke of noon, a sea of dancers painted from head to toe with colorful tattoos that resembled the battle armor of the *Waray* warriors assembled at the *Balayuan Towers* to march their way around the streets of the city. The spellbinding rhythms of native instruments combined with the dancers' graceful movements made for a spectacle that was enticing to the senses.

One of the parade's star attractions was the Globe-sponsored and award-winning *Landonian Tribe*, whose performers wore luminous green body suits painted with ethnic tribal designs. They performed a rousing tribal dance that was so mesmerizing, even July danced along the parade route with the Globe contingent.

Those lucky enough to be at the Gentxt- co-sponsored "Bounce" R & B and Hip-Hop party at the Leyte Park Hotel Gym on June 27 would attest that the *Waray* youth were without a doubt very much connected to the latest trends and fads in music and dance. Dressed in the height of fashion that rated high on the style index, they jammed to the boom of contemporary urban rhythms until the wee hours of the morning.



A sea of dazzling colors swept the streets of Tacloban City.

Globe Handyphone opens the door of connectivity for the *Warays.*

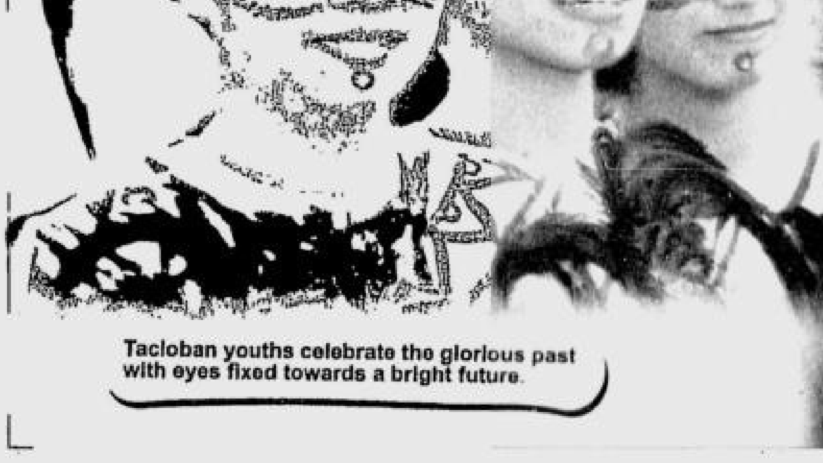
July joyriding on the streets of Tacloban City

July gets swamped by a bevy of female autograph seekers in Shindig Bar.

To keep the atmosphere in full party swing all throughout the joyous festival, Globe also conducted a bar raid at the nocturnal hangout Shindig Bar in Tacloban City. Globe's July made a welcome visit to the bar where he immediately established rapport with the local bar patrons through his exceptional showmanship and charisma. The July-struck night owls were treated to an entertaining set of Globe party games hosted by July and local DJs. Proving himself a real trooper, July even obliged to give an amusing dance number while a female bar habitue was belting out Fatima Rainey's "Hey".

For *Leyteños* to be always connected anytime, anywhere, Intensity G pitched numerous sales blitzes throughout the city where the best cellphone deals in town were offered. Imagine the surprise of customers at the Intensity G sponsored shops on Zamora and Salazar Streets in downtown Tacloban City when, instead of the regular shop attendants working the tills, they found July personally manning the sales counters!

" We are extremely thankful to our loyal *Waray* customers who allowed us to celebrate this year's Pintados Festival with them. This unique celebration showed us the exceptional artistry of the *Warays* as well as their rich past and cultural heritage. We come out of this festival definitely better connected with the *Leyteños*!" Globe's Reggie De Mesa concluded.



Tacloban youths celebrate the glorious past with eyes fixed towards a bright future.

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Sunday LIFESTYLE

Portuguese bacalaos and Hawaiian luaus

PORTUGUESE Ambassador Joao and Ulrike da Silva PHOTOS: BETOY JOHNSON

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

THE VERY popular and hard-working Portuguese Ambassador **Joao** and Mme. **Ulrike da Silva** hosted a reception to celebrate their National Day at the elegant embassy residence.

Friends from the diplomatic and local business community enjoyed the evening's partaking of the ambassador's deservedly known Portuguese entrées of bacalao and other national delicacies.

Last year saw Portugal in partnership with Rustan's bring in Portuguese products that were a success with local buyers. Let's see what Portugal has in store for us these coming months.

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It was undeniably a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon listening to world-class French soprano **Aude Priya Wacziarg** and collaborating pianist **Florian Bollot** at the Captain's Bar of the Mandarin Oriental as part of French Spring in Manila 2003.

Wacziarg showcased her mastery of a wide range of musical genres, from classical to popular French rock opera. She has performed in European cities as well as in various parts of India.

Her father, **Francis Wacziarg**, flew in all

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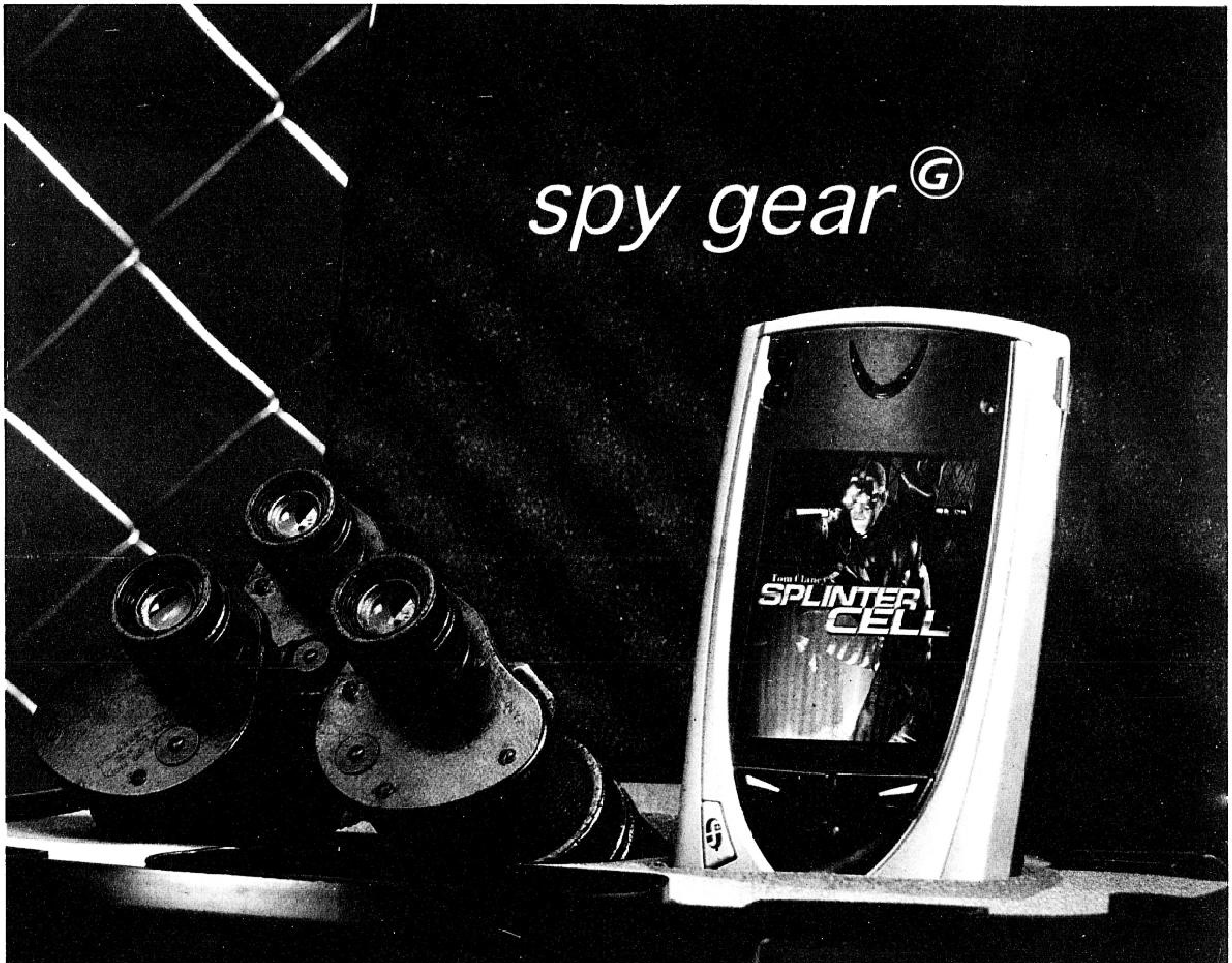
SEATED: Myrna Borromeo, Edith Rabat and Sol Tan-Gatue; standing: Ofie Recto, Puring Galano, Letty Syquia, Nenuca Blardony and Mellie Ablaza



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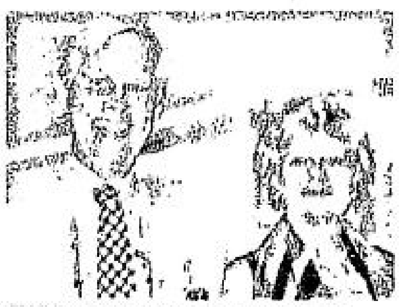

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the way from Europe to hear his daughter perform.

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The eagerly awaited day arrived for photographers participating in Supply Oilfield Services Inc.'s photographic contest for the winning entries for its book "Filipina."

The photo exhibit and awards night opened at Le Soufflé Restaurant at The Fort, attended by French Ambassador **Renee Veyret.**

As you all know, the book is a paean to the Filipina, featuring our beautiful as well as accomplished *manangs.*

And the winners are: **Joaquin Rustre** (first), **Ramon Vecina** (second) and **Reynaldo Fondes** (third).

Talking of tributes to women, the Catholic Women's Club Annual Tea will be launching the 18th Limited Edition Plate, featuring "Magina 2003" in blue and white by artist **Tessie Dichupa** on July 9 at the Manila Polo Club.

The theme of this year's tea is "We R Family." (I recently found some Limited Editions from the '80s of **Bencab, Anita Magsaysay Ho** and newly designated National Artist **José Joya** that I had set aside. What a pleasant surprise!)

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Favorite friend and pasta devotee Dr. **Wilfrido Villacorta,** De La Salle professor and founding president of the Yuchengco Center, has been appointed one of the deputy secretary-generals of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean).

Portugal celebrates its national day, while Filipinas are honored with a photo tribute

Dr. Villacorta was DLSU's dean of the College of Liberal Arts and senior vice president for external operations. He is the first professor to be assigned to a top post in Asean and the first Filipino to be designated as deputy secretary-general.

Let us wish Dr. Villacorta our best. It is a singular honor for the country, indeed.

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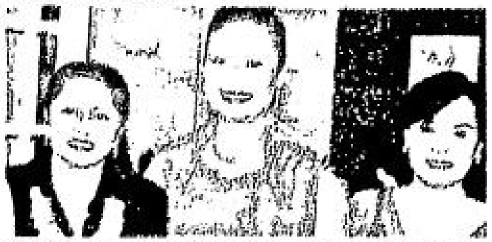
Mellie Ablaza, Letty Syquia's *balae,* threw a birthday bash for her at the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club with the guests coming in colorful Hawaiian costumes.

With son **Jun-Jun's** help, Mellie turned the function room into a tropical paradise full of exotic flora. **Millie Reyes** of The Plaza catered the lunch which included her famous ham, roasted calf and *lechon.*

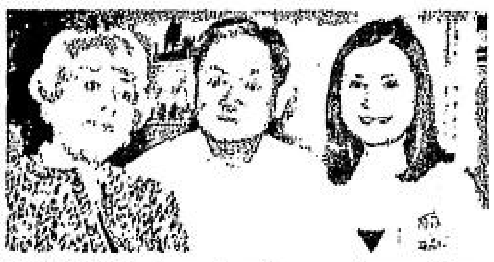
Talents from friends **Tereret Liboro, Alice Briones** and **Nori Ongsiaco** did a Hawaiian dance. **Pitang Tiongson** and **Myrna Borromeo** offered their signature songs. **Yoly Ayson** danced an interpretation of the "Hawaiian Wedding Song" and **Jorge Hizon** and his group sang well-known melodies in Letty's honor.

ENERGY Secretary Vince Perez, Australian Ambassador Ruth Pearce, Louie Heuseff and Vanessa Heuseff



JOSIE Lichauco, Kessara Arnold and Consul Evie Costa

MELLIE Ablaza, Ben Farrales and Letty Syquia



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Sunday LIFESTYLE

GIFT Gate big boss Virgie Ramos with Martin

KITTY GOSSIP? Inno Sotto and Susan Joven

MARTIN Nievera in "Full Throttle" pose allows Cris Villonco and KC Concepcion to check out his rear.

Angels and fairies on full throttle

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

GROWING up, I thought the only thing gay people could be were screaming, flamboyant fashion designers. There were no other professions they could be in.

As I got older, I realized they cannot be stereotyped at all. In fact, they are very diverse in terms of careers, manner of dressing, gestures and attitudes. Just like any other people!

With my outfit encompassing almost the whole back seat of the car, I trekked to Malate with my three hunky dates, **Anton San Diego**, **Raul Manzano** and **Alvaro Pertierra** for a fun and wild evening at the Manila Pride 2003. I thought to myself that for sure this was one occasion where I wouldn't stand out and be the most outrageous person at the party. I thought that I would actually blend in and be one of the crowd (and that is rare!).

But just to play safe and not disappoint my fellow sisters, I wore an elegant showpiece wedding gown by my fave ready-by-tomorrow designer, **Patrice Ramos-Diaz**.

Since the theme was all-white, nautical fashion, I was dressed appropriately as a "Titanic" guest. And to match the look, I donned my aqua blue wig with a stone-encrusted hair accessory by **Wynn-wynn Ong**. Still, to achieve that over-the-top look, ostrich feathers, colored gem accessories and a beaded bag were part of my total ensemble.

A few weeks prior to the Cuervo All-White Party, text messages, e-mail and personal invitations were being sent around nonstop. This was easily the most passed-around invite I had ever received.

The different Malate establishments all had their versions of the nautical theme. Primary players in this big bash were the Fidel Restaurant couple, **Markus Schmidt** and **Richard Danao**. Also the owners of Firma Malate, this dynamic duo prepared Tagine d'agneau, an authentic Moroccan lamb dish for guests who dined early before the main party.

Over at Sala Restaurant, they served grilled meaty loins, calling the dish "Hello Sailor!" They hosted a celebration costume dinner where talented **Colin McKay** himself was dressed to the high C's by **Raoul Ramirez**, with "Showgirls" makeup by **Patrick Rosas**. As part of his entourage, architect/fashion designer Raoul came with a peacock-feathered hat with a brim wide enough for rain protection. I can't wait until he can create a Halloween attire for me.

For one night, sponsor Cuervo Tequila transformed the Orosa strip into a luxury liner, complete with a ship deck and watch tower

ANGELS/ F2

WHO'S got the longest hair? Family in style Marzo and Rissa Samson and sister babe Raya Mananquil

GIFT Gate's Angels Gila Garcia, Shey Bolano and Liza Vengco

TITO Manapat with Annette Coronel

MONIQUE Villonco

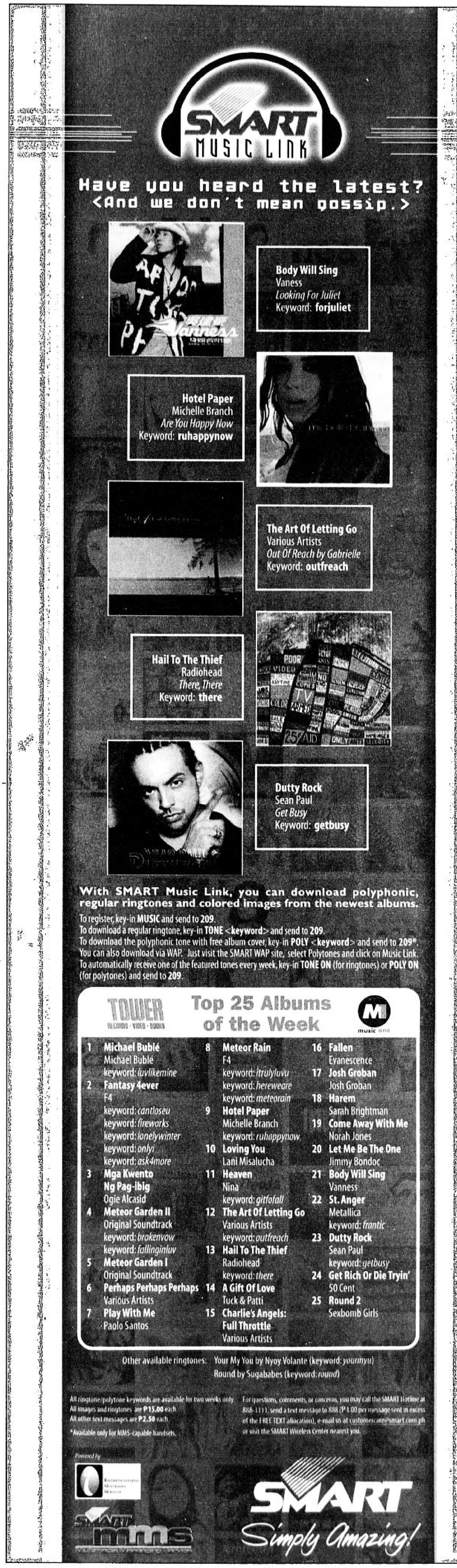
FASHION'S pride and joy, Ria Romero and Rajo Laurel

PARTYING Humans Ben Chan and Miguel Pastor

SIXTEEN candles for birthday girl Nikki Martel, with Martin

MY stylish dates for the evening, Raul Manzano and Alvaro Pertierra

SUPPORTIVE Malate councilor Kim Atienza with newsgirl Karen Davila and husband David Sta. Ana



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SUPER party friends. SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE's Alya Honasan, Jenni Epperson and 2bU!'s Tim Yap

THE sailors have landed!

From page F1

serving as a podium for all the creatures of the night to strike a pose.

Soulful party diva **Jaya** opened the club energy of the whole of Malate, and fabulous Dreamgirl **Tex Ordonez** dazzled the crowd with her commanding rendition of "MacArthur's Park," a song I don't even dare sing in the shower because it's just too difficult.

And what's a show without half-naked, muscled sailors gyrating onstage to the dance anthems mixed by NBK's **Manolet Dario**? Markus had to finally cut off the Madonna music at 7 a.m. because they wouldn't stop dancing.

Why do gay people have more fun? Is it their free-spiritedness, their creative, right-centered brain, their lack of inhibitions or their nonconformity with the norms of society?

All these traits I do imbibe and more. No wonder I am a gay magnet, just like my friends **Maggie Go** and **Mandy dela Rama Santos**. We have this natural tendency to attract fun gay men and become close to them. **Dennis**, who I am a faithful wife to, doesn't mind my going home in the wee hours of the morning since the men that take me home are of a "different persuasion" than he. And since I have so many gay friends, I get to go home with different men every time!

ALL-WHITE and ready to sail, Pride organizer and Fidel man Markus Schmidt, event host JR Isaac, Juliet Tan and Heidi Ng

ROBBY Carmona

SOUL diva Jaya

Kitty's Angels

Women empowerment is on the rise. After all the feminine-like yang juices flowing out from Manila Pride, watching "Charlie's Angels Full Throttle" got me into an even higher, butt-kicking energy level.

Gift Gate Queen-with-a-Big-Heart **Virgie Ramos** hosted a film showing of that movie at My Cinema at Greenbelt. When she got word that the Angels, in real life, are Hello Kitty fans, the tie-up was inevitable.

The three Angels attended the Nickelodeon Kid's Choice Awards 2003, where Cameron Diaz wore a soon-to-be-released Hello Kitty necklace by Tarina Tarantino. Here's an inside tip for the Kitty fans who want to be first in getting their hands on the Hello Kitty Pink Head Collection: pre-book at ktsmiles@giftgate.com.

Upon seeing the gadgets and gizmos at the Sanrio corner, Lucy Liu simply loved the Hello Kitty phone, which had wings that light up. She shouted "Don't give them all away and save one for me!" Or else, you will surely get a mid-air back kick in stiletto heels while Lucy flips her hair.

But the most awesome "eat-your-heart-out Bruce" babe was definitely Demi Moore. Her abs were so cut that I was inspired to get into my workout shopping routine the very next day. I bought several muscle and fitness magazines, another pair of Nike Shox, this time in patent white and blue, and a bunch of Lululemon Athletica workout gear. So just in case I finally do get my training routine going, I am sure to be the best-dressed.

The Gift Gate Angels of Tita Virgie converted My Cinema into Kitty's Den, complete with a Hollywood Kitty banner, giant Kitty-faced white balls and posters of Hollywood and local stars wearing Kitty stuff. Guests got Swatch Bijoux rings and a confetti explosion in time with the fireworks in the movie.

Right after the movie, Tita Virgie still had another surprise up her sleeve. **Martin Nievera** sang "Happy Birthday" to **Nikki Martel** who turned 16 that evening. She was supposed to have dinner with her folks, **Robby** and **Melissa**, but knew it would be more fun to have Martin bragging points.

To end the night, Nestlé frozen delights chilled the guests and gave them a final sugar energy fix. I was about to eat my share but thought I'd start my Demi Moore-wannabe diet.

With all the jiving to the neither-yin-nor-yang groove and swinging to the magic of the movies, it's great to be alive. I received an e-mail from **Taylor Hubbard**, the son of former US Ambassador **Thomas Hubbard**, who is now assigned to Korea.

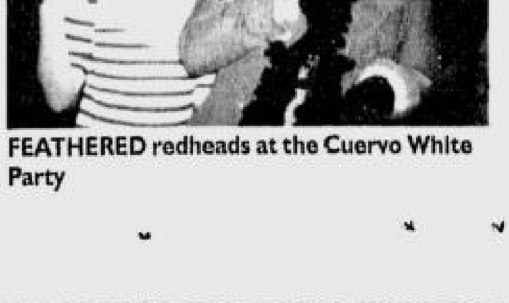
Taylor wrote me to say that he misses Manila and now lives in "an old row house in the Malate section of D.C." Wow, but there couldn't possibly be a bar named Fidel there, no? Watch out, Malate, cuz Taylor will be swinging by to visit one of these days!

I just think it's wonderful that our home country has diverse places to live in and diverse people to live with. And that we are free to live the way we choose. If only we could do something to solve our crime and corruption problems.

But that is another story and am I glad this is the lifestyle section of the paper!

E-mail me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.

COURTYARD bar girls with sailor boy. Tina Tinio, DJ Montano and Xeng Zulueta



FEATHERED redheads at the Cuervo White Party

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Is she 'panakip-butas'?

Friendship becomes romantic love after his former girlfriend marries another man

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

Joseph and I became a pair only recently. We have been *barkada* for years and I have been secretly in love with him for just as long.

Now we are having a good time together. I love him a lot, but I'm worried that I'm just a "filler" because our relationship began less than a year after his girlfriend, without formally breaking up with him, married someone else.

He tells me he no longer feels for his ex, but am I right in doubting him?

GIGI

He, indeed, could only be trying to mend a broken heart by finding someone new. But love is not something that we would feel at the flick of a switch.

If your pride can't handle the possibility that you're just a "filler," then break up with him. But if your love for him is greater than your pride, then you can go on with your relationship.

Just remember not to give too much of yourself to him too soon so you don't end up losing a lot should he wake up one day and realize that all he feels for you is gratitude for keeping him company.

How can I make my ex-boyfriend stop calling me and sending text messages about reviving our relationship? Even his friends are lobbying for him, and he keeps at it even if I don't reply.

I've been hurt in my relationships before, and the last was particularly bad. I don't care for him anymore. My career is my priority now.

GILDA

Just continue ignoring him and his lobbyists. But remember, my dear, that things don't bother us (in fact, we hardly notice them) if they don't threaten the things that we value. You value your heart, for instance, and you wouldn't like it to be wounded again.

Your ex's persistence, meanwhile, reminds you of how you long for a loving and honest relationship, and encourages you to risk loving again.

I also suggest that you open your heart again. That's taking a risk, of course, but the risk should be less than before because, by now, your past boyfriends must have given you ideas on what kind of men to avoid.

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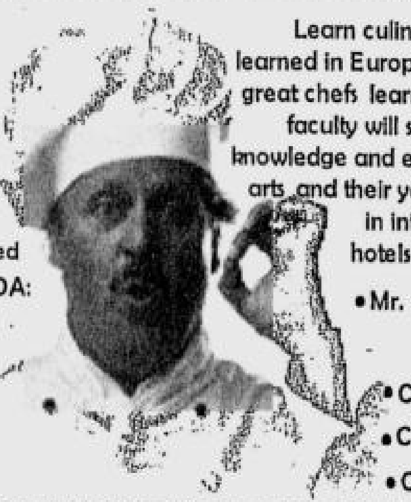

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EXHIBIT. Black-and-white landscape photos by Pep Manalang will be on view tomorrow until July 19 at The Drawing Room in Power Plant Mall. Call 8981571 and 8976990.

FORUM. The Philippine Librarians Association Inc. will hold a forum on "Marketing and Quality Management of Libraries," 9 a.m.-12 nn, and "Basic Accounting for Libraries, 1-4 p.m. on July 11, at the National Library, Epifanio de los Santos Hall, T.M. Kalaw Street, Ermita, Manila. Call 9315864/4322, 9292180.

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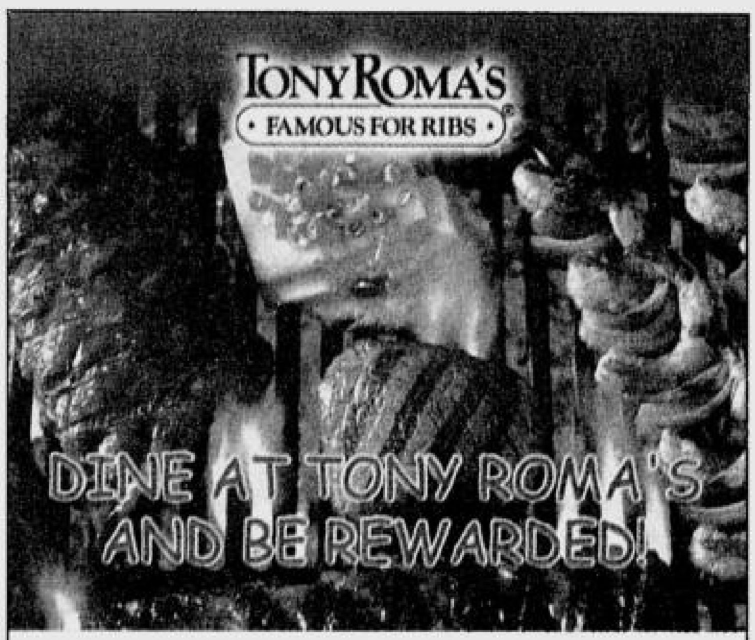

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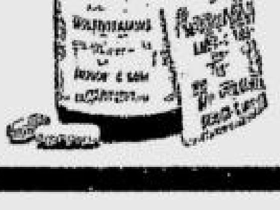

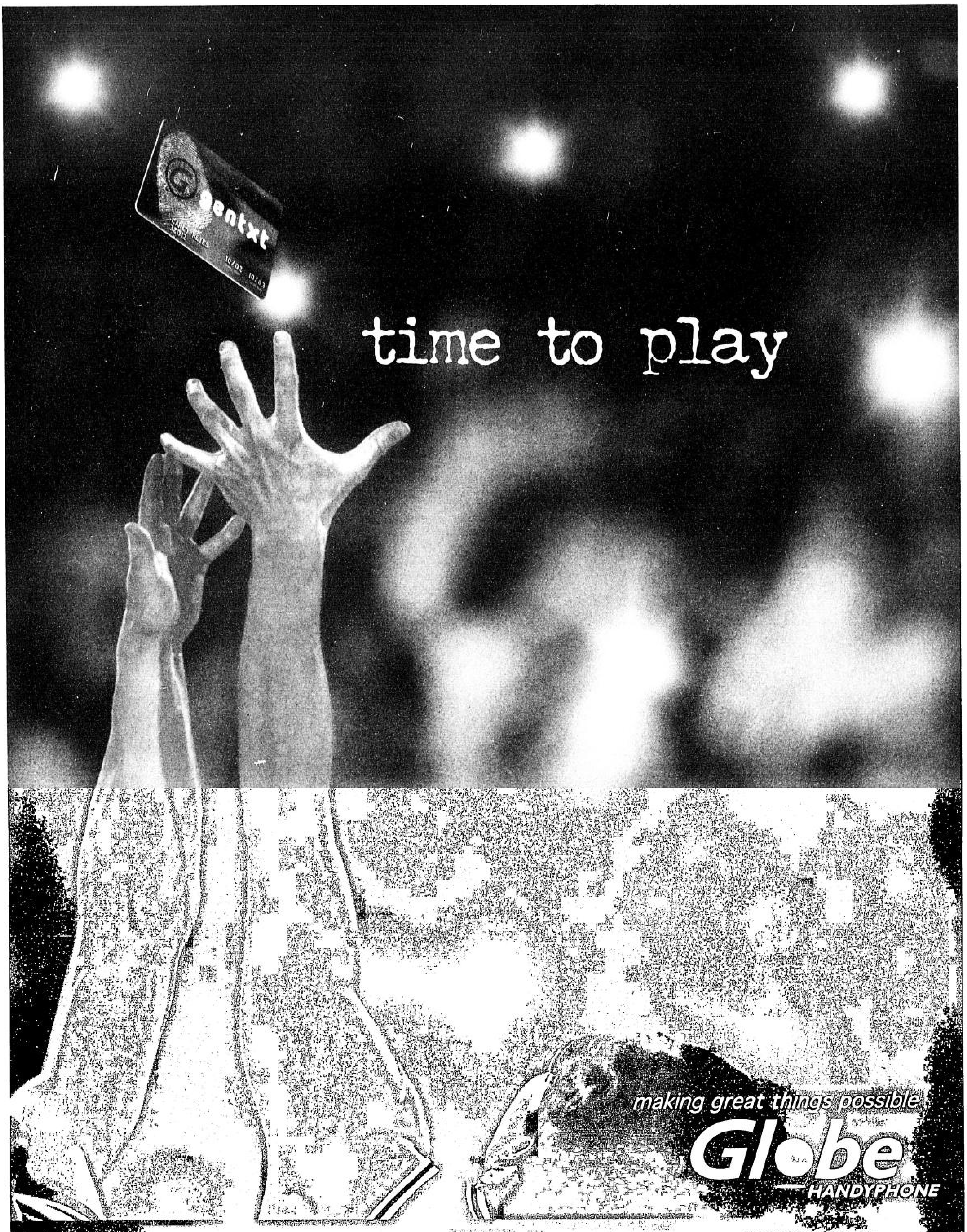

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Sunday LifeStyle

REV. Fr. George Geladé

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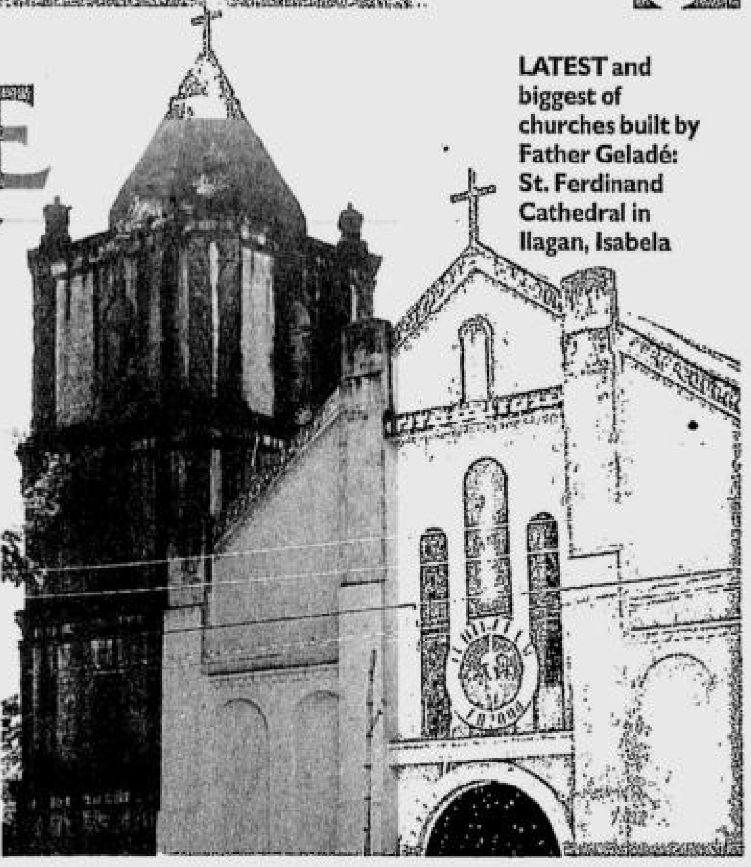

LATEST and biggest of churches built by Father Geladé: St. Ferdinand Cathedral in Ilagan, Isabela

With all the stories of clergymen going astray, a tale about a priest who has kept his vows can warm hearts and touch souls

By Pam Pastor

REVEREND Father George Geladé walked across the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (CICM) compound in New Manila, his steps slow and steady. His face was lined with age. He was exhausted, he said. And he had reason to be.

Geladé has devoted 49 years of his life as a "builder" in various provinces in the Philippines. He has put up 50-60 buildings.

"We built different kinds—churches, chapels, high schools, elementary schools, convents, gyms, dormitories, basketball courts and others that escape me for the moment," the priest said.

Geladé was 21 years old when he entered the congregation in 1948. This was after studying humanities in Belgium, where he was born and raised.

Now 76 years old, he said he could not remember why he went into the priesthood. "Most probably evangelization."

Ordained in 1953, he was sent to the Philippines as a missionary a year later. "I think I applied for China but it was closed in those days. So I was assigned to the Philippines. It was the nearest [to China]."

Asked why he wanted to come to Asia, he quipped, "Why will you marry someone? You don't know that, either."

Moving from Belgium to the Philippines was an adjustment for Geladé in more ways than one. "It was hot, yeah, that I still remember. It was September and it was so hot compared to Europe."

But it didn't take too long for him to get comfortable. In fact, he said, he felt right at home. "Of course. That was no problem."

Change of diet

Even the shift in diet wasn't difficult for him. "I have a good stomach. Only, in the beginning, there was no good bread. The rice did not satisfy and the bread was poorly baked. But after two months, I learned how to eat rice. Now, if I do not have rice, my meal is not complete. I need rice."

Retracing his journey to the Philippines, he said, "We stayed here (CICM compound). After that, we went to Baguio because it was cold. Then we had to study a little Philippine history, Ilocano and, later on, Ifugao."

(He learned Ilocano and Ifugao so well that he was able to develop Ilocano-English and Ifugao-Flemish dictionaries, which were published 10 years ago.)

In 1955, he was sent to Banaue, Ifugao. "That was my first assignment. I had to go to the barrios."

This was where he and his companions started building. "There was no place to sleep in the barrios. We had to go to the teachers' quarters. But the teachers did not have accommodation. We had to sleep on the floor with one blanket and it was cold in the mountains. It can be cold in Banaue."

The nuns who were with him in the mission posed the challenge. "They said, 'Father, you should build chapels in the barrios, chapels with toilets.' There were no toilets. You had to go to the bushes."

Geladé saw a need and found the means to answer it.

"It was Church in Need that helped me. The organization was founded during the war and it collected bacon and clothes for the priests and poor people in the Iron Curtain. The founder.... he did miracles. Really. He collected plenty. Millions for... people in need."

The man, whose name Geladé could no

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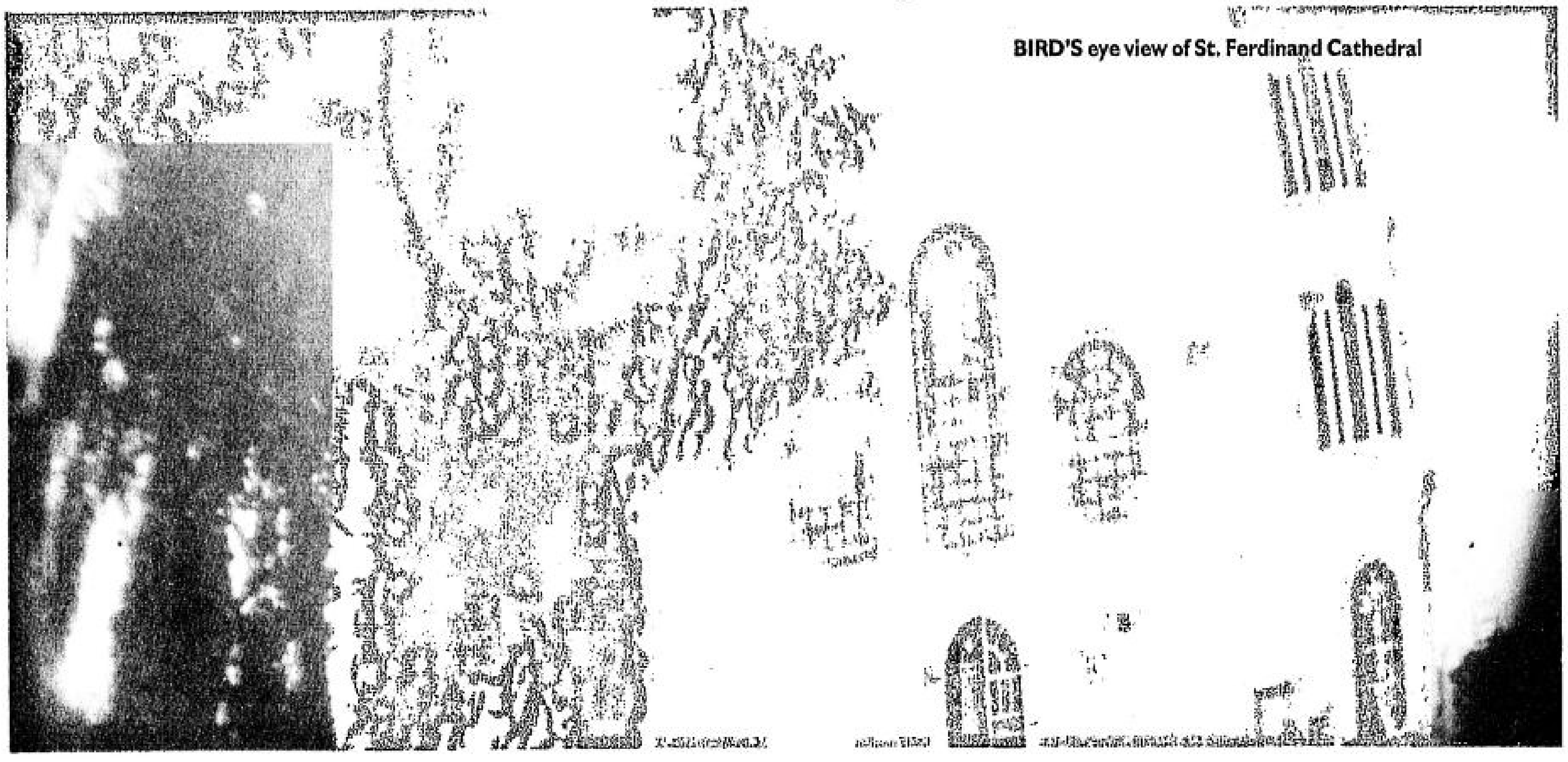

BIRD'S eye view of St. Ferdinand Cathedral

Builder . . .

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longer recall, gave the priest a list of thousands of people he could ask for support.

"Since that time, I had the... money to build the chapels and, later on, schools, convents and gyms."

The money came from different parts of the world. Geladé said he had a lot of benefactors in Manila and other parts of the Philippines, too.

Biggest project

He spent six or seven years in Banaue before going on other missions. He lived in Itogon, Benguet, for a year or two and spent the next year or two in Mayoyao, Ifugao.

Geladé was also sent to Sayangan, Benguet; Cervantes, Ilocos Sur; Quirino province where he was in charge of three barrios—Diffun, Cabarroguis and Saguday; and Quirino, Isabela, where he built the cathedral.

He spoke of his work in a matter-of-fact manner. "Everywhere I was, I did the building. All towns I went to were a little bit at the borderline of civilization, semi-accessible, away from the major centers. Why? Someone has to go there also."

Geladé did not just collect money, he actually supervised the construction. "I had to collect the money. I had to buy the materials. I had to supervise the construction. I was always busy."

Constructing buildings in those towns was not easy, with most hardware stores kilometers away.

When he was 72, Geladé thought about retiring. "After building some churches and *conventos* and some chapels in the town of Isabela, I said to the bishop, 'I'm 72, maybe it's time to retire.' The bishop said, 'Not yet, not yet. We have to go to the barrios.'"

He started working on his biggest project after that, the St. Ferdinand Cathedral in Ilagan, Isabela. It took four years to build the cathedral. On March 12, the cathedral was dedicated and blessed.

That might just be his favorite moment in the Philippines, Geladé said. "After such an effort I said, Now it is enough."

Geladé spoke of the cathedral with pride as he looked through the program of the blessing.

"This is one of the stained glass windows. The cathedral has 16 murals inside. These are the people who made those murals," he said, pointing to the photos of Sky Papica Biscocho, Joel Alba Pragas, Augustine Tito Zipagan, Charles Alvarez.

Going home

Two weeks after the blessing and after 10 years in Quirino and Ilagan, Geladé returned to Manila to prepare for his departure for Belgium.

Asked how he felt about leaving, he said, "You are not married. So how would I compare? Suppose your husband would die, how would you feel? Separation is not pleasant."

Geladé said. For him, the best thing about the Philippines is her people. "Otherwise I would not have stayed for 49 years."

The people are the very same reason he's going to miss the Philippines. "There are so many friends and good people. Who do I still know in Europe? Just my brother and sister and they're both in their 80s." But he said it was time for him to rest.

Geladé went home, leaving behind monuments of his love for Filipinos and God—seven churches, 30-40 chapels, four or five convents, 5-7 schools and three gyms. But he left behind more than just buildings.

Reverend Geladé occupies a spot in the hearts of countless Filipinos whose lives he has touched. A spot that will stay, to quote one of Reverend Geladé's favorite phrases, "forever and ever."

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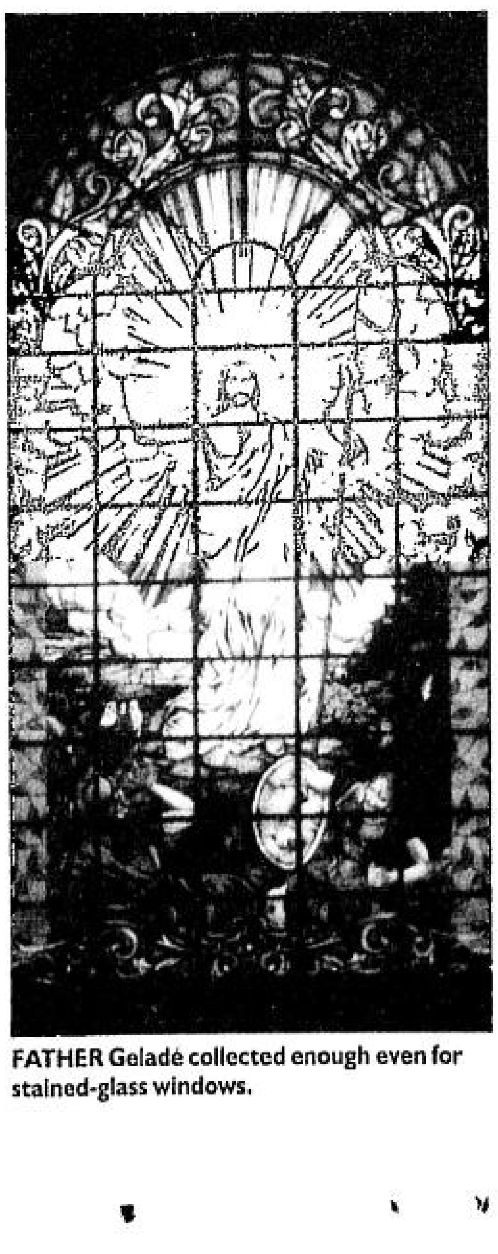
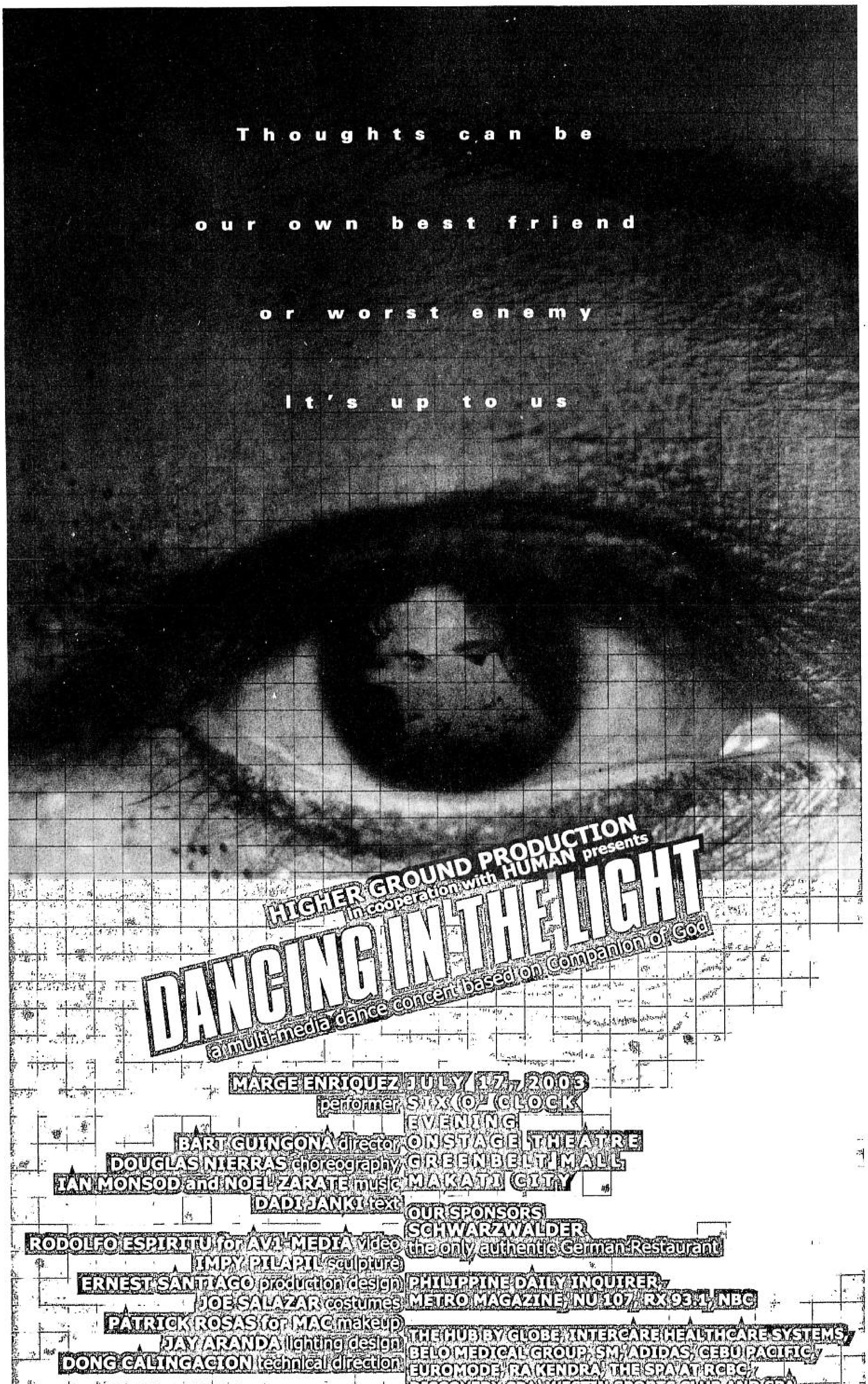


FATHER Geladé collected enough even for stained-glass windows.



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INTERACTION PROGRAM FOR DEAF STUDENTS
Representatives of the Global Education Program of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. and the Philippine non-government organization Link Center for the Deaf met recently with United States Ambassador Francis Ricciardone in the "Personal Discovery Program" for deaf college students and young professionals in Tanay, Rizal. The program was partially funded by the US Agency for International Development and organized by Link. In photo (clockwise, from top left) are: Rafael Reloza (Link), Dr. Robert Mobley, (Gallaudet), Marical Ui (Link), Ambassador Ricciardone, William Windhorn (Gallaudet), Pia Reyes (Link), Jessica Sargeant (Gallaudet), Genalyn Marco and Carolyn Ui (Link), Jean Berube, Tiffany West, and Lisa Swanson (Gallaudet).

SONY Ericsson Mobile Communications Intl. AB and Rustan's Department Store teamed up recently to hold the "Colors of Style" promo. Photo shows (from left) Portia Flores, divisional head for men's department, Rustan's Commercial Corp.; Vida Estrella, operations group director, Rustan's Commercial Corp.; Clariza Chia, account manager, Sony Ericsson; Maylyn Villalon, vice president for finance and administration, Semicon; and Patrick Larraga, marketing manager, Sony Ericsson.

Bohol gears up for Sandugo festival

BOHOL has much to celebrate this year.

Under the leadership of Gov. Erico Aumentado, the province recently garnered the National Travel Mart award as Best Tourist Destination in the country after posting an 11-percent average annual increase in tourist arrivals since the province began marketing itself as a prime tourist destination two years ago.

Bohol's tourist arrivals is "18.1 percent higher than Cebu," says a pleased Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palayab. And to confirm this, Philippine Airlines has deployed 14 flights of its Boeing 737-300 line to ply the Manila and Cebu routes on a weekly basis.

The provincial government and its counterparts in city hall are also busy preparing for the Blood Compact or Sandugo 2003 celebration.

The event commemorates—reenacts, in fact—the historic blood compact between chieftain Rajah Sikatuna of Bohol and the Spanish *conquistador* Don Miguel Lopez de Legaspi in 1565 as a sign of friendly relations between their two peoples.

The late Carlos P. Romulo had called this event "the planting of the seed of the United Nations."

As usual, this year's Sandugo will feature much street dancing and music-making, participated in by several contingents from various towns with their ethnic beats and colorful costumes.

Also scheduled in time for Sandugo 2003 are the 2nd Convergence of Boholanos from all over the World or the Tigum Bol-anon Tibuok Kalibutan, held only once every four years, and the 9th Biennial Confederation of Boholanos in USA and Canada (Conbusac) convention.

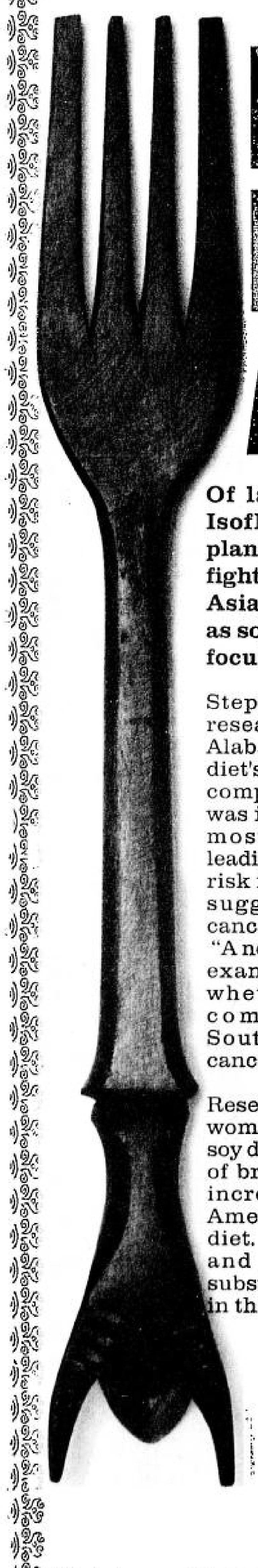
To take advantage of the expected heavy influx of tourists, visitors and *balikbayans* during the festival, the Bohol Investment and Promotion Center has scheduled several simultaneous activities to help drum up support for the province's socio-economic development programs.

An International Investment Forum will be held tomorrow at the Bohol Tropics Resort, with Gov. Aumentado himself presenting the investment priority areas of his province.

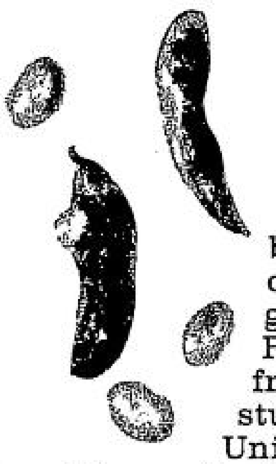
Eight pre-investment studies will also be discussed by known technocrats and experts, including an orientation on Philippine Economic Zone Authority incentives by director general Lilia de Lima.

Finally, Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel A. Roxas III and National Economic Development Authority Secretary Romulo Neri will shed light on the country's overall investment climate.

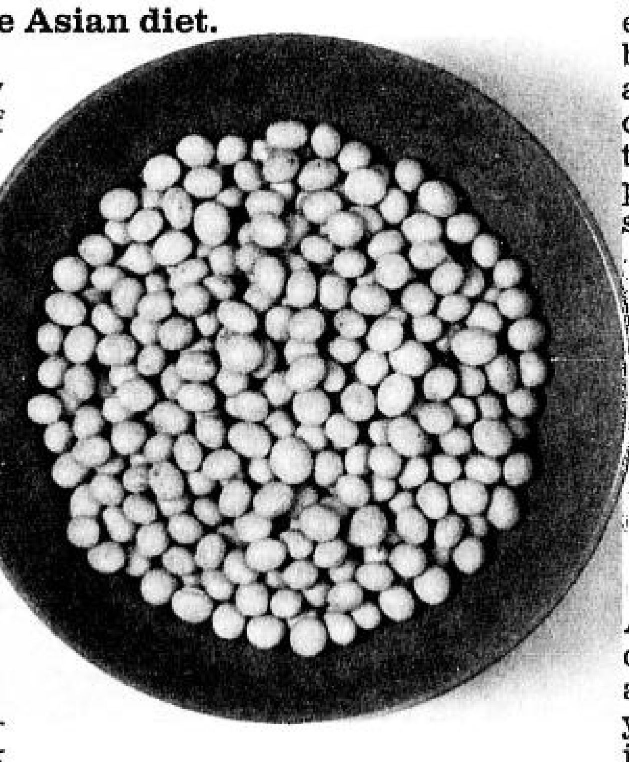
SAUCY NEWS



ISOFLAVONES Make The Asian Diet Tick!



Of late, Western countries have taken a keen interest on Isoflavones - those incredible phytochemicals found only in plants that are rocking the world of nutrition with their cancer-fighting properties. But long before this sudden surge of interest, Asians have for years, included Isoflavones in their diet, often as soya. This is one major dietary difference that has shifted the focus on the superiority of the Asian diet.



Stephen Barnes, Ph.D., a soy researcher at the University of Alabama notes: "The American diet's much higher fat content compared to the Asian diet was initially considered the most important factor leading to increased cancer risk in Americans, that is, suggesting that fat is cancer-causing." He adds, "A new hypothesis is being examined to determine whether one or more components of the Southeast Asian diet is cancer-preventing".[1]

Research has shown that Asian women who eat traditional high-soy diets have a relatively low risk of breast cancer, but their risk increases when they move to America and adopt a Western diet. The incidence of prostate and uterine cancer is also substantially lower in Asia than in the United States.

How do Isoflavones work to help combat cancer? Isoflavones may help reduce breast cancer by blocking the cancer-causing effects of human estrogen. They may also prevent prostate cancer by hindering cancer cell growth.[2] Results from a new study by the University of California show that genestein, an Isoflavone found in soya beans, slowed prostate cancer growth and caused cancer cells to die in a way similar to many cancer-treatment drugs.[3]

These recent findings suggest that eating soy foods, a staple in most Asian diets, can protect and enhance your health. Soy foods, being Isoflavone-rich, are affordable, readily available and come in delicious forms - from tofu, soymilk, textured soya protein, soynuts, taho to soy sauce.

Daily consumption of Isoflavone-rich foods such as Datu Puti Soy Sauce can help make your diet healthier.

When looking for a healthier way of eating, you don't have to look far for delicious food options. The Asian diet - with its rich array of dietary choices like soya and soya products - can be your source of culinary inspirations. Soya may just be the key in unlocking the secrets to a long, fruitful and cancer-free life.

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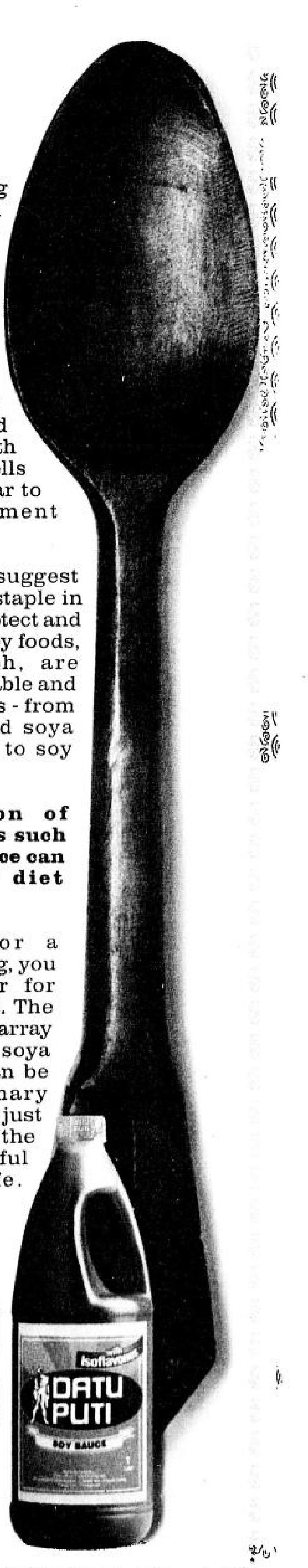

THE NUTRITION FOUNDATION OF THE PHILIPPINES SUPPORTS DATU PUTI SOY SAUCE'S CAMPAIGN FOR A HEALTHY DIET.

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First feast day of St. Josemaria Escriva celebrated at Manila Cathedral

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

MORE than a thousand people filled the Manila Cathedral last June 26 to celebrate the first feast day of Josemaria Escriva as a newly canonized saint. Forty priests concelebrated the Mass with Bishop Gabriel Reyes of Antipolo.

In his homily, Bishop Reyes quoted the founder of Opus Dei who said, "Heaven meets the earth in our hearts." And this is made possible when we pursue our Christian vocation to be holy and to evangelize the word of God.

Bishop Reyes said: "The world is the place where a lay person fulfills his Christian vocation. In the world, you are face to face with the enemy. You are directly in the world and you have the job of renewing the world."

Referring to this mission as empowerment of the people, Bishop Reyes said that the priests empower the laity through the sacraments, celebrating the Mass and giving retreats.

Bishop Reyes, chair of the Commission of the Laity of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, also said that this empowerment should be ongoing.

He also reminded the faithful present: "Everybody is called to holiness. The way to sanctification is by work in the ordinary life." This was the teaching of St. Josemaria which people from 84 countries have been practicing since its foundation on October 2, 1928.

'Christ lives in me'

When Escriva was canonized by Pope John Paul II last October 6, 2002, Bishop Javier Echevarria, prelate of Opus Dei, said in his homily during the thanksgiving Mass in St. Eugene Basilica that the path to holiness consists of many steps and stages.

"Conversion consists not merely in embracing the true faith, nor rejecting sin in order to allow grace to work in our souls. We must grow as our Father (Josemaria Escriva) did in this intimacy with God, progressively identifying ourselves with Christ, until the moment comes when each of us can exclaim with St. Paul: 'I live now not I, but Christ lives in me, because I try to follow faithfully in every moment of the day the footprints which the Lord left on this earth.'"

Documentary on St. Josemaria

Ferdie Guerrero of Ixie Dixie Inc. came up with a documentary on the life of St. Josemaria which was aired on Channel 9 last June 26, in thanksgiving for favors he received.

Ferdie, who learned last year about the widespread devotion to St. Josemaria, decided to use digital technology for this documentary. He is into animation and communications.

The favors he received include the remission of an aunt from lung cancer, and the saving of the other leg of another relative, an amputee diabetic, through the intercession of the saint.

My friends Vicky Echauz and Minette Sison are praying to St. Josemaria for my brother Pompeyo, who is currently undergoing dialysis at the National Kidney Institute twice a week. They are praying for a miracle to cure his kidney ailment.

Of course, I also pray to Our Lady of Caysasay and to all other titles of Mama Mary to help him.

Palo seminary needs help

Fr. Virgilio Manaog, director of the spiritual formation program of St. John the Evangelist School of Theology in Palo, Leyte, wrote to ask for help to rebuild the present chapel to make it more conducive for prayer and to build new toilets and bathrooms for the dormitories of the seminarians.

We quote in part Father Manaog's letter: "The spiritual formation of the candidates to the priesthood hinges on a variety of factors. Listening to the word of God, celebrating the mysteries of faith in the sacraments, and docility in spiritual direction nourish the growth of the seminarian's desire to become a minister of God.

"But the environment where these activities are conducted is likewise crucial to the development of one's sense of the sacred. And for this reason, sacred space like the church or a chapel, in the case of most seminaries, should be favorable to the perception of the sacred.

"With this in mind, the team of priest-formators of St. John the Evangelist School of Theology is exerting every effort to improve the present chapel where the school's spiritual activities are held.

"Just recently, we were able to improve its sacristy. Then we will replace the old sacred vessels, linens, vestments and other items used in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

"The doors and windows of the said chapel are made of grills. For this reason, the entire chapel is exposed to the elements such as heat, water and dust. We are planning to replace them with sliding glass doors and windows instead. In so doing, we believe we will be able to preserve better our church furniture, fixtures and other things used in liturgical celebrations.

"The improvement of the chapel will cost us around P300,000, while the bathrooms and toilets around P600,000."

Those who wish to help can deposit their donations to a savings account under the name "Theology Dept. of SA" at Equitable PCI Bank (Tacloban branch) with account no. 0185-79806-2 PHP. You may also write to Fr. Virgilio in Manaog St. John the Evangelist School of Theology, Barangay Salvacion, 6501 Palo, Leyte, or text him at 0919-4660980.

Foundation in archbishop's honor

Gabriel M. Reyes became the first Filipino Archbishop in 1934 and was commissioned to serve the Archdiocese of Cebu. In 1977, a foundation was put up in his name, called The Archbishop Gabriel M. Reyes Memorial Foundation.

Archbishop Reyes is the uncle of Antipolo Bishop Gabriel V. Reyes, who is the honorary chair of the foundation. Arturo Alejandro heads the foundation, which supports 200 college scholars and is responsible for the renovation of the Museo in Aklan.

The foundation recently held its 26th "binayle" or benefit gala dinner at the Century Park Hotel with Bishop Reyes, Aklan Rep. Gabrielle Calizo and Gov. Florencio Miraflores as guests of honor.

Aklanons interested to join can call Kati de los Reyes at 718-1188, Zel Reyes-Tinagan at 800-8443, Ellie Martelino Alejandrino at 842-8606, or Bernard Supertran at 530-8474.

Children needing to go to school

Leona Sotto of Culion, Palawan, wanted to enroll 20 children under her care this year, but she could not find benefactors.

At present, she is helping two in college, one in high school and three in elementary—all enrolled at Loyola College.

If anyone could donate a business directory guide of import and export products and 100 stamps at P22 each, Ms Sotto would be able to send letters to benefactors.

Those who wish to help can write Leona Sotto at P.O. Box 723, Manila, 1099.

ST. Josemaria Escriva at the Manila Cathedral

Mahatma Gandhi said at one time that if we do something for the needs of other people, a result would come out of your action, like making a difference in the lives of these poor people. But if there is no action, he said, there is no result.

God bless you all out there who continue to help. It could be a small thing, but it will go a long way.

Mother Teresa also said, "We cannot do great things, but we can do small things with great love." And that makes all the difference.

St. Anthony de Padua church

The diocesan shrine of St. Anthony de Padua in Pila, Laguna, is celebrating its first anniversary as a shrine on July 9 with Bishop Chito Tagle as main celebrant of the 6 p.m. Mass.

From 3-5:30 p.m., Bishop Tagle will give a lecture on the life of St. Anthony. Parish priest Fr. Melchor Barcenas says the church is the first Antonine parish, founded as it was on June 13, 1581, making it 422 years old.

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Weddings & Engagements

Half-moon *wedding*, full-fledged romance

By Maurice Arcache

Katrina Ponce Enrile and James Kocher repeat their 'I dos' in a more intimate setting with family and friends

IT HAPPENED during a half-moon, dahlings, and it was a special date that was close to the hearts of ravishing beauty-and-brains Katrina Ponce Enrile and good-looking gentleman James Kocher. It was the day when Katrina and James were married in civil rites several years ago in the United States.

Since the *famille* and closest pals of the couple were Manille-based, it was but fitting that a wedding ceremony should also take place here. And it happened on the same date.

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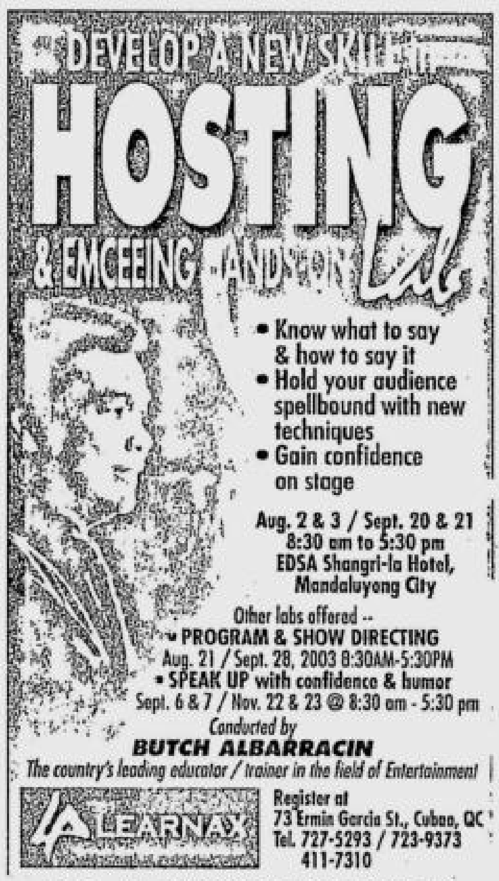

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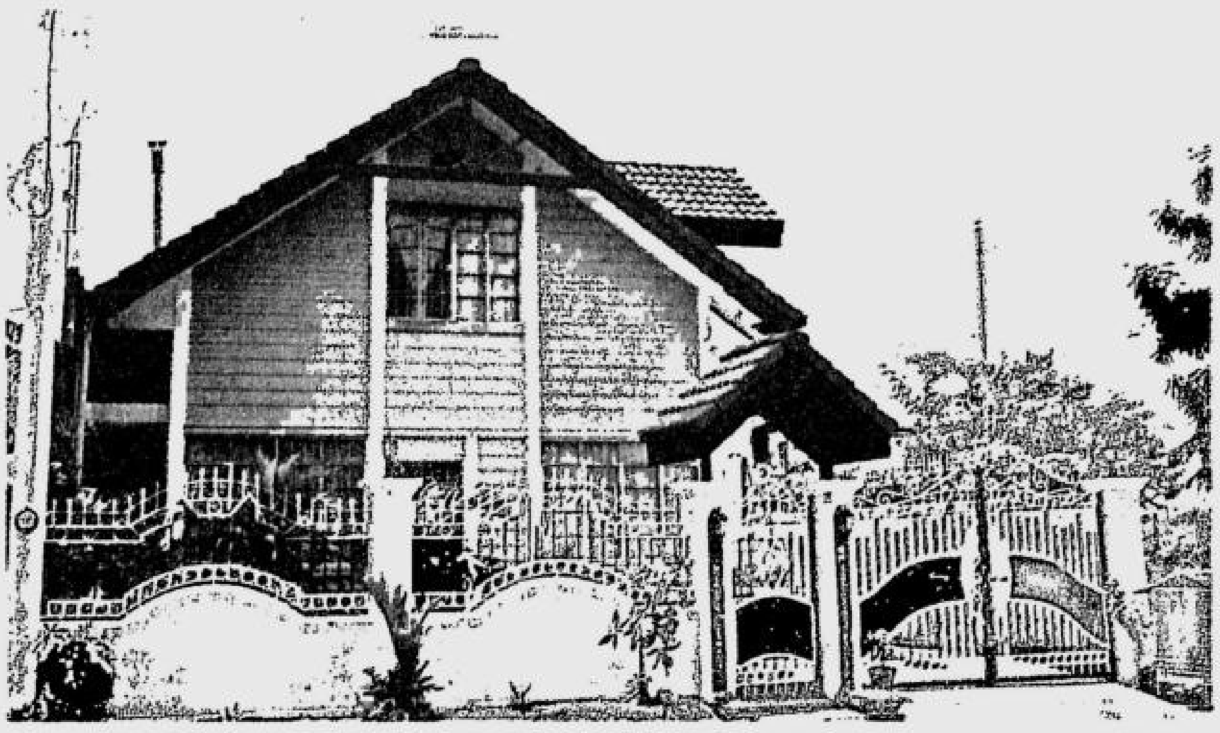

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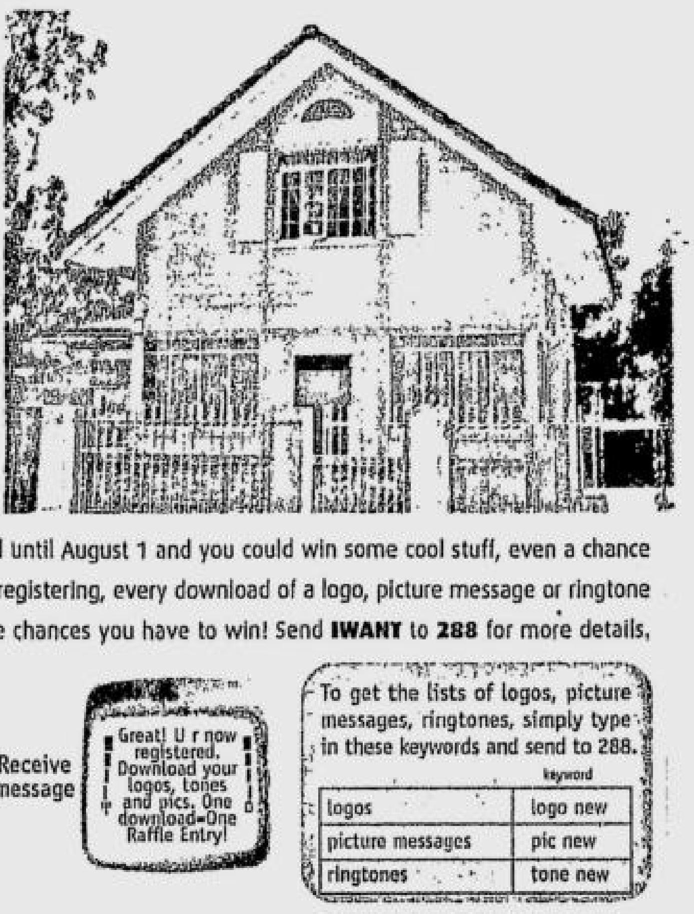

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LINDA Salientes and Sally Ponce-Tesoro

Half-moon *wedding*, full-fle

A simple invitation was sent to 60 selected people with a note at the end saying, "No gifts, please."

Katrina had a soft, flowing pink chiffon wedding gown rushed by her favorite designer, pal Randy Ortiz. James' exquisite barong Tagalog was executed by the talented Tonichi Nocom.

The sprawling, well-manicured Ponce Enrile garden, *palanggas*, was the scene of the momentous day. A small ramp adorned with fresh flowers led to a mini-stage that served as the altar where the couple exchanged "I dos," as officiated by Pastor John Gay.

Katrina's proud parents, former Senator Juan Ponce Enrile and vivacious and adorable Cristina Castaner Ponce Enrile, led the entourage, followed by former First Lady Imelda Romualdez Marcos, who was escorted by JR Ponce Enrile, Katrina's son. The rest of Katrina's beautiful children—Kara, Kristen and Cristiana Kocher—joined the couple in the altar.

Teary-eyed

When Katrina and James professed their love in the ceremony, the guests were teary-eyed.

It was actually a brief 15-minute ceremony, *apres*. When the couple kissed, their friends cheered and applauded wildly.

There were cocktails and a sumptuous buffet dinner. The couple made sure that everyone enjoyed the rest of the evening. Madame Imelda gamely sang songs. The former senator and Cristiana Kocher also belted several songs dedicated to Katrina and James, natch!

The fun affair, *palanggas*, was attended by former Senator Rene Espina and his wife Pining; Club Bulakeña's new president Bernadette Lomotan Rustia; Johnny Cheng; super-nice Evelyn Kocher-Lim, the groom's sister who jetted in from Davao City; Mr. and Ms. Toti Ponce Enrile; Tito Meneses; socialite Diana Santos; Bern Laabs; Linda Salientes; Mr. and Ms. Robert Alarilla; Chona Carag Espina; the gang of Mitos Schulze; dashing widower Ramon Manzano; Dr. Danny and Ising M. Vazquez; Toto Samonte; Meding Porcuna; Mr.

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EXHIBITS

YANKEE DOODLES The response of ten Filipino artists to U.S. imperialist cartoons of 1898-1902 **CCP Main Gallery, July 6-Aug 24, opens July 6, 5pm**

SI NINAY AT SI NANCY The hispanized senorita and the americanized girl in Philippine painting **Met Museum , July 6-31**

CITY BEAUTIFUL The Burnham Plan for Manila **Met Museum , July 2-Sept. 26**

THE THOMASITES The early American teachers **CCP 4th Floor Hallway, July 6-31**

BAYAN NG RADYO: RADYO MADE PINOY How radio created the popular culture we call *Pinoy* **CCP Small Gallery, July 12-31 opens July 12, 6pm**

HOLLY -PINOY The Filipinization of Hollywood **CCP LT Lobby Wall, July 12-31 opens July 12, 6pm**

RAIDERS OF THE LOST MEMOIRS The Public Library System, Periodicals and Textbooks published during the American period **National Library, July 15-Aug. 22, opens July 14**

THE PHILIPPINES UNDER THE STARS AND STRIPES: Political Lessons Under American Tutelage **National Historical Institute, July 14-31, opens July 14**

BEHIND THE CAMERA LENS Social engineering of the US in the Philippines **Philippine National Museum July 18-Sept. 15, opens July 17, 6pm**

THE MORO WARS Muslim resistance to the US conquest in the first decade **Philippine National Museum July 18-Sept. 15, opens July 17, 6pm**

ART MOVES Trends and forms in Philippine painting during the American period and beyond **Philippine National Museum July 18 -Sept. 15, opens July 17, 6pm**

GINTONG DARNA Darna through the years **CCP 3rd Flr. Hallway, July 17-August 17 opens July 16, 5pm**

CLASSICAL PHILIPPINE IMAGES **GSIS Museum July 10 - August 13 opens July 15, 5pm**

KENKOY The oldest and most famous Filipino Komiks character and his creator Antonio Velasquez **Museo Pambata July 16-31, opens July 16, 9am**

PERFORMANCES

DA BLUES, DA JAZZ, DA WAY WE WERE A multi-media extravaganza opening the Sangandaan Festival featuring Pinky Amador, Bayang Barrios,The Company, Bituin Escalante, Jenine Desiderio, Ate Gay, Kyla,Calvin Millado, KC Montero, PETA, Philippine Madrigal Singers, Ramon Obusan Folkloric Dance Group and Whiplash **Folk Arts Theater, July 6, 8pm**

THE ROMANCE OF MAGNO RUBIO Written by Lonnie Carter with Tagalog text by Ralph Pena and adapted from a short story by Carlos Bulosan. A funny and highly moving story of pen pals and the Filipino's experience in America. Performed by Obie Awardee Ma-yi Theater Company. **CCP Tanghalang Huseng Batute July 16-19, 25-26, 8pm; July 19-20, 26-27, 3pm**

TONGUE-IN-A-MOOD MO RIN! A night of hilarious spoofs on the Fil-Am experience with Jon Santos, Alan K, Candy Pangilinan and Fil-Am stand-up comedians Kevin Camia, Theo Gonzalves, Gayle Romasanta, Tim Tayag and Rex Navarete. **CCP Main Theater July 13, 8pm**

ORACIONES Tanghalang Pilipino's performance of the works of four major playwrights: Rene Villanueva, Liza Magtoto, Rody Vera and Nick Pichay. **CCP Little Theater July 18-19, 25-26, 8 pm; July 19-20, 26-27, 2:30pm August 1-2, 8pm; August 2-3, 2:30pm**

Mars ravelo's DARNA Ballet Philippines' action-packed combination of comic book heroics, acrobatics, aerial movements and techno music never before witnessed in the Philippines. **CCP Main Theater, July 31, 8pm**

LAGI KITANG MAMAHALIN A musical tribute to Lucio San Pedro, Ernani Cuenco, Levi Celerio, Atang de la Rama and Jovita Fuentes. Features: Sharon Cuneta, Vina Morales, Jose Llana and Regine Velasquez. **CCP Main Theater, July 11-12, 8pm**

KUNG HINDI MAN... Isang gabi ng kundiman with The Philippine Madrigal Singers, Bimbo Cerrudo, Rachelle Gerodias, Pinky Marquez, Richard Reynoso and Jonathan Zaens. **CCP Little Theater July 15, 7:30pm**

BALANGIGA ROCKS A rock concert featuring Color it Red, Radioactive Sago Project, The Jerks, Noel Cabangon, Fatal Posporos, Campo Xanto, Bobby Bandurla Band and Mahal & Friends **Folk Arts Theater, July 19, 7:30pm**

MGA AWIT NG PUSO Ronan Ferrer interpreting songs from well known zarzuelas of the American period. **CCP Little Theater, July 29, 7:30pm**

FILM EVENTS

FIL-AM FILMFEST Classic and recent films and videos related to the Filipino-American experience **CCP Dreamtheater July 12-25**

LITERARY EVENTS

VESTIGES OF WAR Philippine Book Launching of an anthology of scholarly papers on the Philippine - American war and the aftermath of the American imperial dream. *Edited by Luis Francia and Angel Shaw* **CCP Little Theater Lobby, July 11, 5:30pm**

WRITING BACK AND FORTH A concert of poetry and fiction from both sides of the Pacific. Among writers who will read and whose works will be read are: Cirilio Bautista, Carlos Bulosan, Marjorie Evasco, Edith Tiempo, Rowena Tiempo-Torrevillas, and Alfred Yuson. **Marilen Gaerlan Conservatory (North Wing) De La Salle University, Manila, July 19, 3:00pm**

CONFERENCE & SYMPOSIA

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ARTS AND MEDIA IN PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN RELATIONS, 1899-2002 http //www.sangandaan2003.upd.edu.ph **UP Dillman, July 7-11, 8am-5:30pm**

PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN RELATIONS: QUO VADIS? A symposium on the future of Philippine-American relations with special emphasis on cultural identity, Filipino diaspora, decolonization and other socio-cultural issues **CCP Museo ng Kalinangang Pilipino, July 24, 2pm**

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dged *romance*

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and Ms. Erik Espina; Ramon Flores; Toti Cariño of Fil-Estate Realty Corp. and Fairways & Blue Water's of Boracay; Norma Francia; and Mary Ann.

The next-generation Enriles were in full force: Katrina's handsome son, JR Ponce Enrile, was with his girlfriend, Alexandra Guerrero; Kriska Ponce Enrile-Bernasconi breezed in from Milan with her husband, nice Mixi and son Matteo Bernasconi; and Karina Ponce Enrile.

Katrina's closest friends were there: SM house designer Tonichi Nocom, fashion director Jackie C. Aquino, designer Randy Ortiz, stylist Henri Calayag, PR man Toots Tolentino, Cynthia Chuidian, Archie Cortez and Sario Velez.

It was one of those great garden weddings, *palanggas*, that will linger on in memory.

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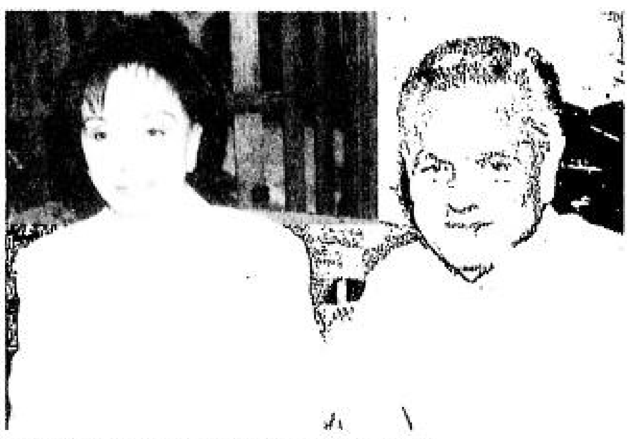

MITOS Schulze with Dr. Danny Vasquez

THE GROOM with his sister Evelyn Kocher-Lim and bride's mom Cristina Castaner Ponce-Enrile

SUPER pals, moi with one-of-a-kind woman Cristina Ponce-Enrile

LA SIMPATICA Carmen Castaner and working socialite Diana Santos

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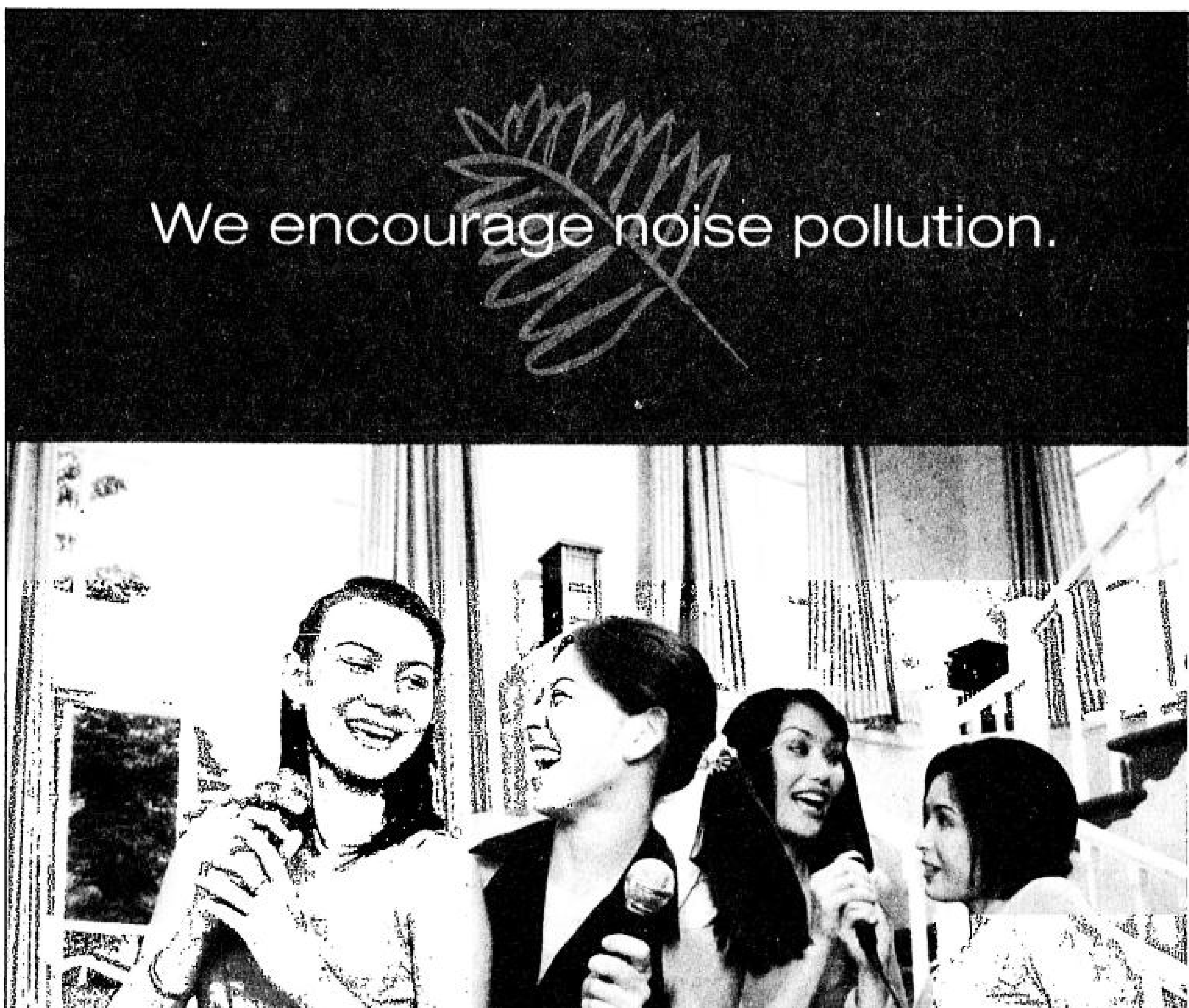

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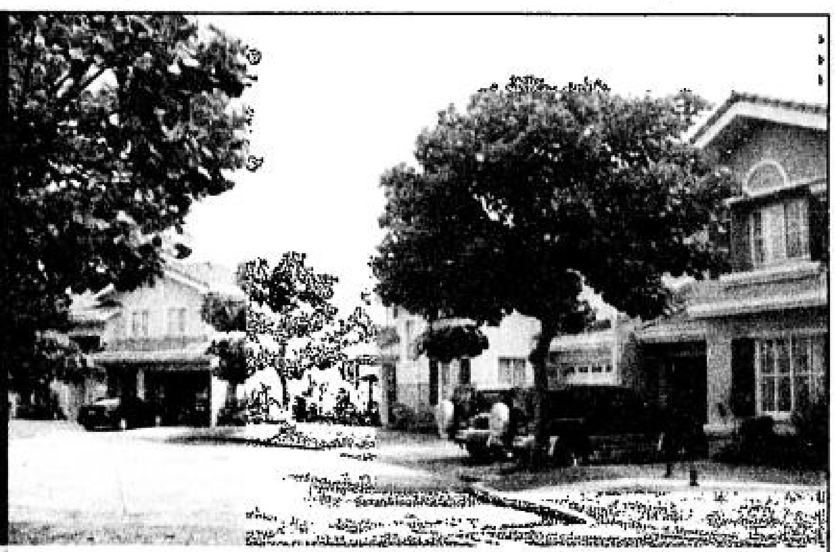

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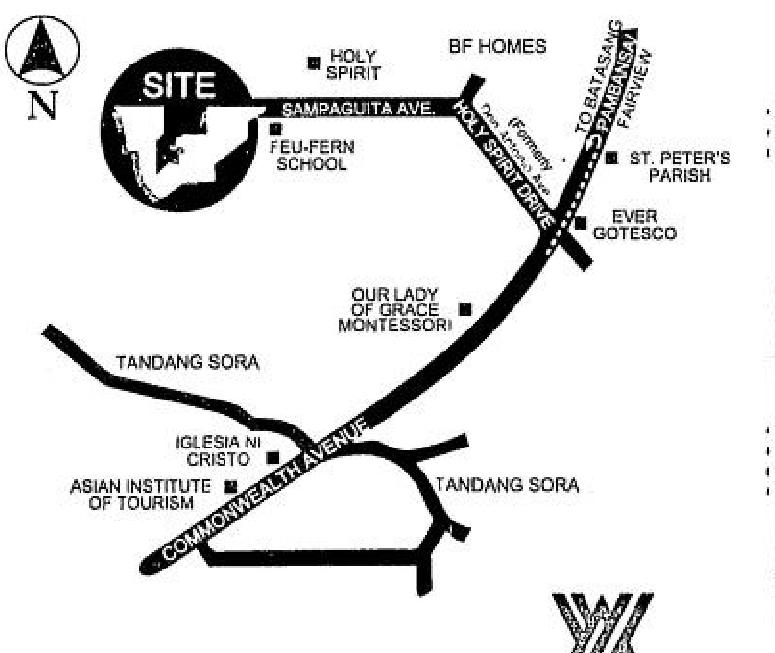

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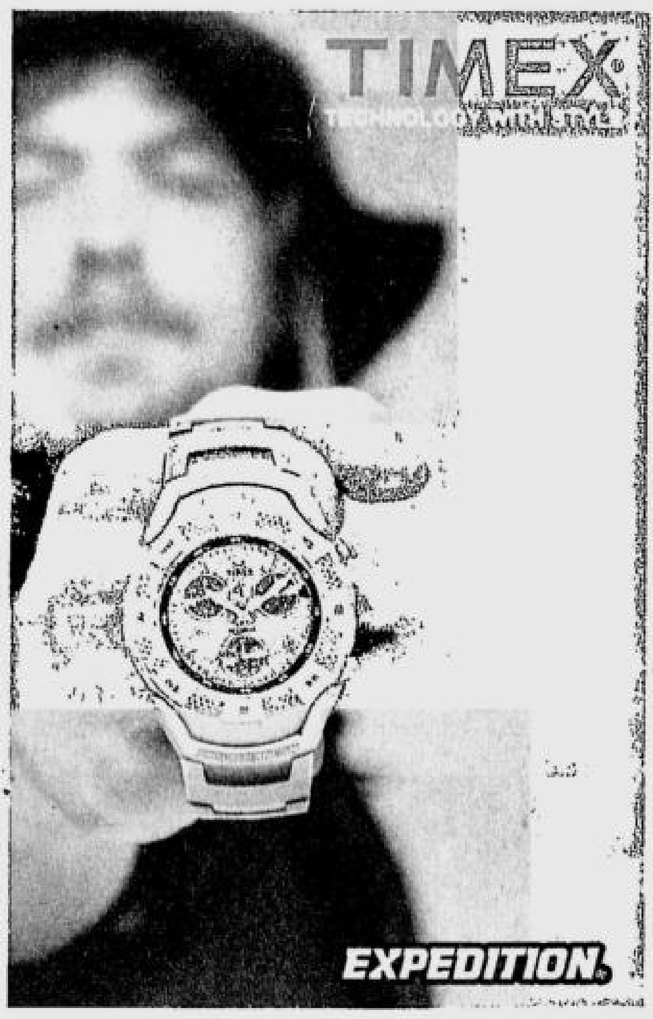

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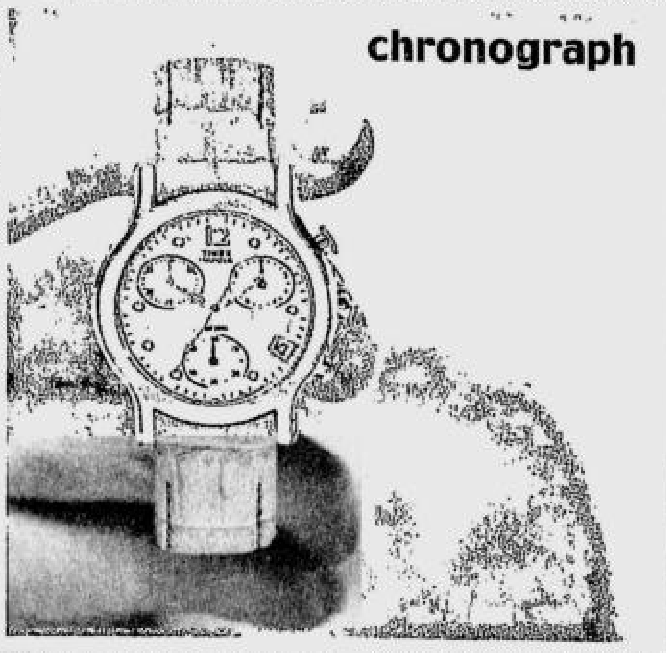

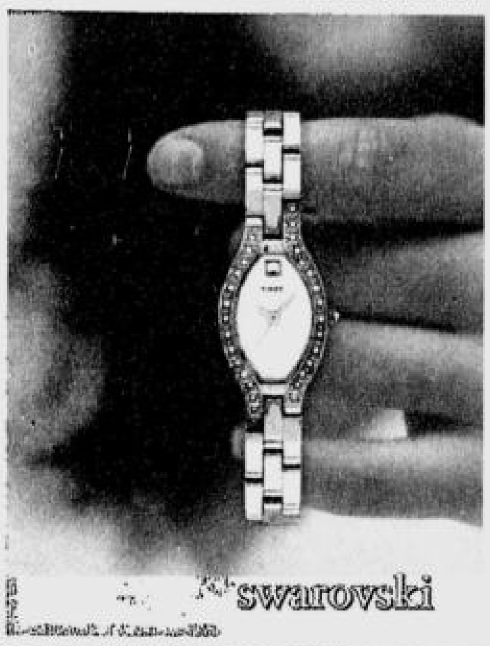

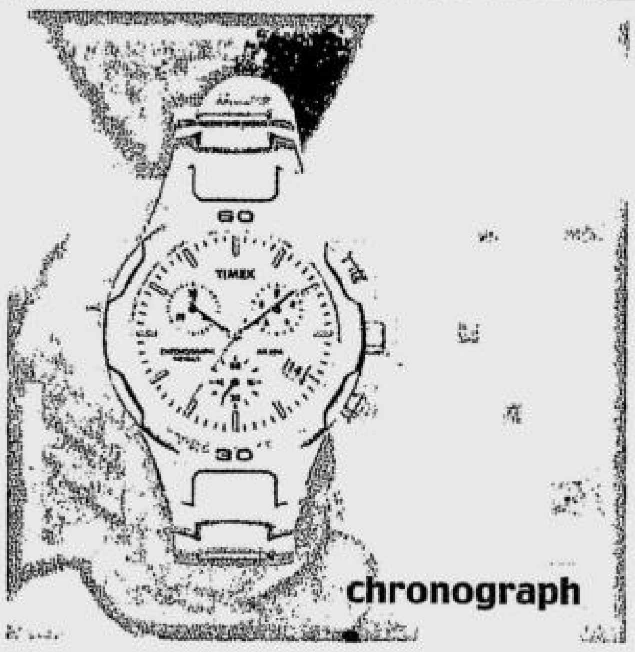

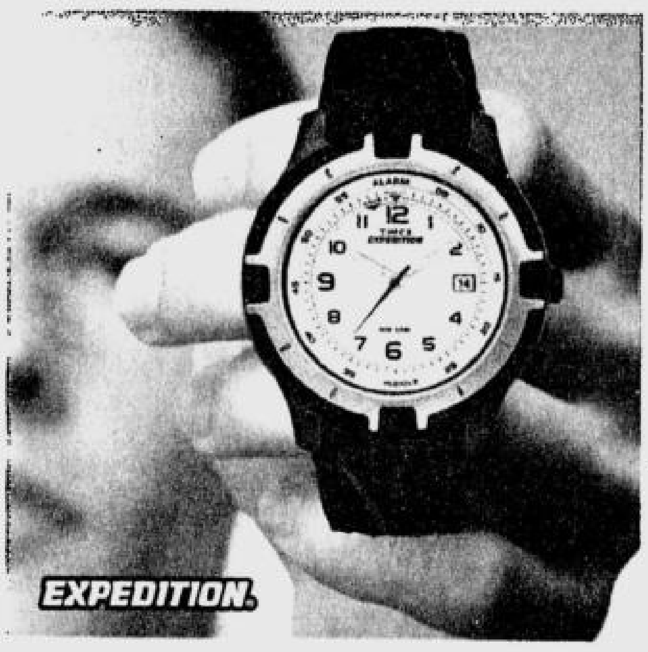

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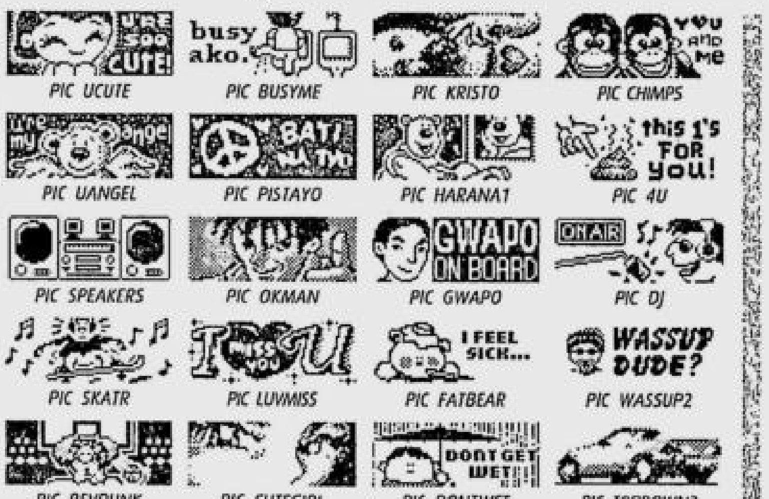
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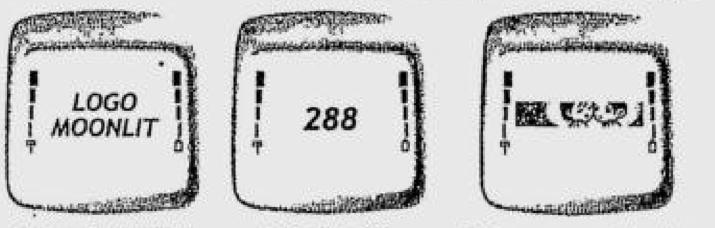

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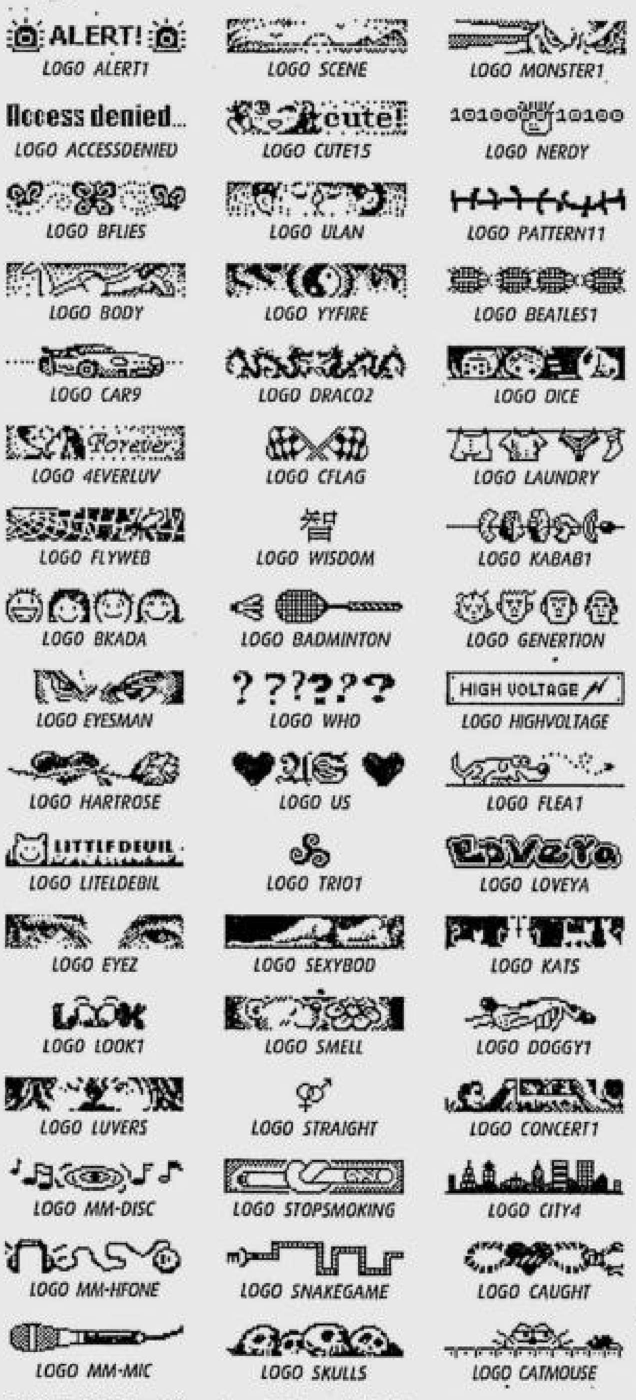
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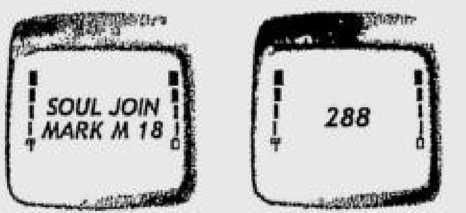

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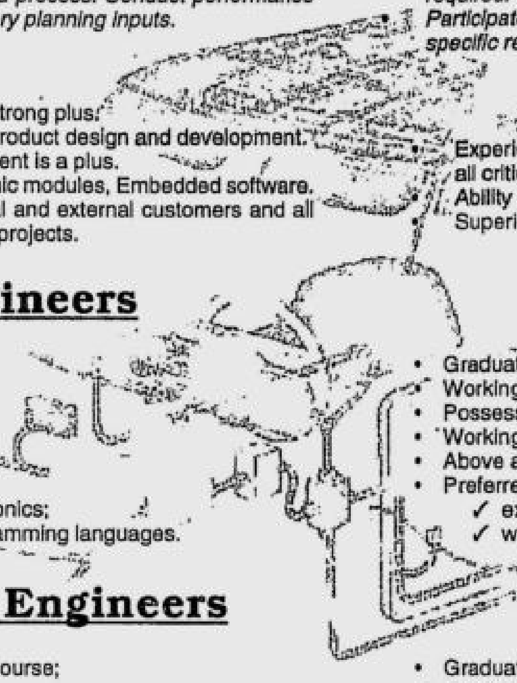

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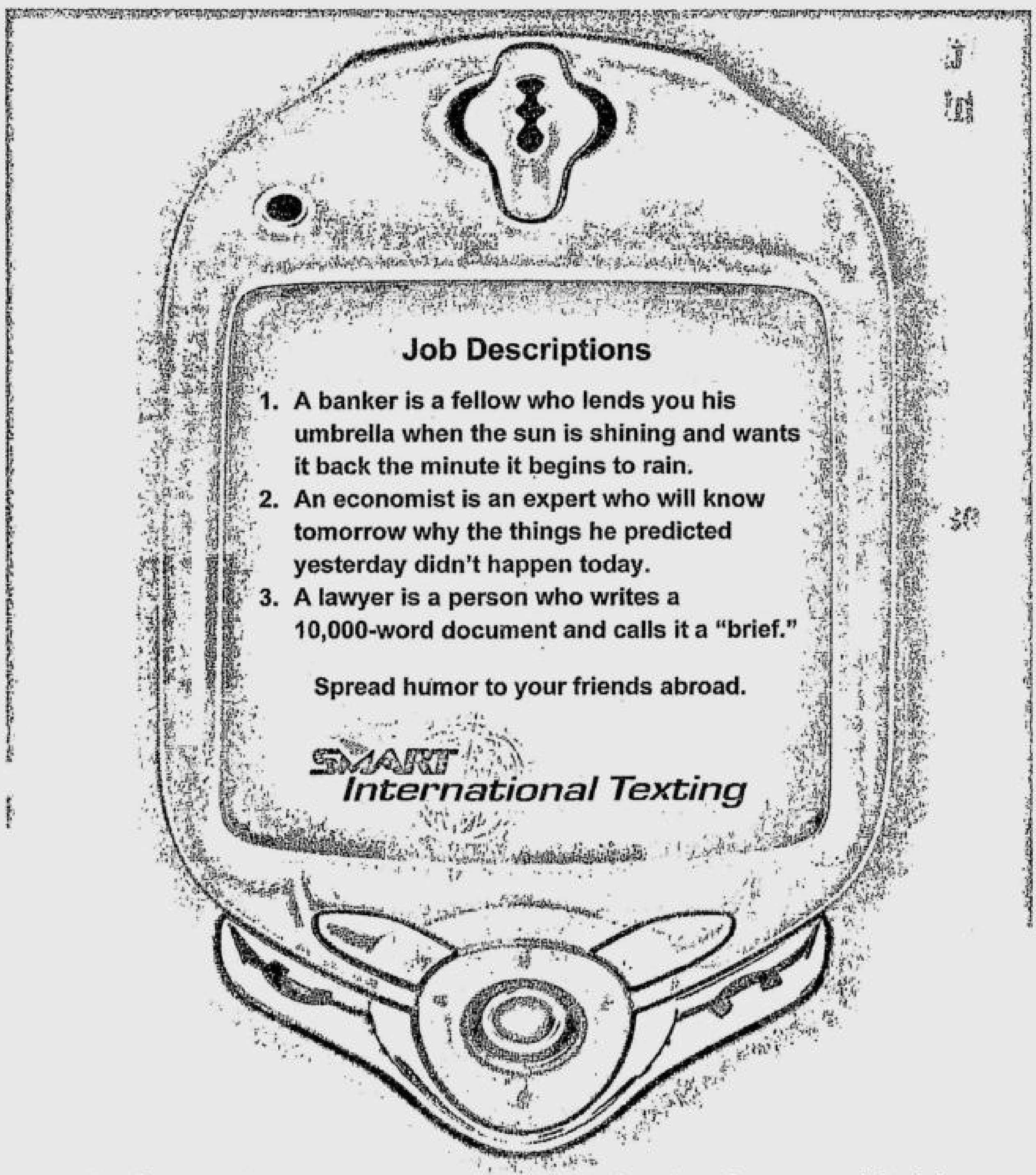

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- Male / Female, between 30-35 years old, Psychology graduate or any behavioral science course
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- Hardworking, willing to work on extended hours, highly motivated, resourceful and with excellent communication skills

ACCOUNTANT

- Female, not over 30 years old, **CPA**
- With at least three (3) years experience in the same field
- Can handle bookkeeping, financial statement preparation
- Willing to work long hours and can work under minimum supervision

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

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- Male / Female below 27 years old
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- Preferably with prior experience in a pre-need or insurance company
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NATIONAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Reporting directly to the Education Manager of the Philippines Field Office, the ECD Coordinator will be primarily responsible for overall coordination of the early childhood development efforts of the Philippines Field Office. He/she will provide technical inputs to the ECD Coordinators in existing program areas related to the implementation of programs/projects under Save the Children's Sectoral Prpgram Initiatives Team (SPRINT). He/she shall also serve as a liaison for ECD initiatives between Save the Children and its partner agencies. He/she may also be requested to provide technical assistance to these partner agencies. He/she shall also be responsible for providing assistance in resource generation for this sub-sector and for coordinating efforts in pursuing funding opportunities.

Key responsibilities:
The ECD Coordinator shall: (1) provide technical inputs for programming and decision-making related to early childhood development, (2) assist in preparing project proposals for submission either to funding agencies or to other Save the Children offices, and in developing/refining ECD strategies towards scaling up or institutionalization, (3) provide technical support to the ECD Coordinators in existing program areas, (4) prepare reports to funding agencies, home office, partner organizations and the Field Office Management, (5) Document experiences in sectoral programming for publication, technical presentation to local and international audience or for circulation among special groups.

The position will based in Iloilo City and will require periodic travel to Manila, another program area and where the country office is based. During these trips, the ECD Coordinator is expected to prepare detailed scopes of work, trip reports and similar documentation of activities undertaken in the field.

Requirements:
This is a senior position requiring strong leadership and management skills; Previous work experience in a similar position in an international NGO highly preferred; Bachelor's degree in the social sciences (psychology, education or social work) or related discipline required; Minimum of five years program development experience. Demonstrated training and research skills. Fluency in English required and knowledge of Hiligaynon an advantage. Computer literacy a must. Professional work experience in a multi-cultural work a plus.

Qualified applicants may send their resumes on or before July 25, 2003 to : *By mail* - CODE: ECD COORD, Save the Children Federation, Inc., No.1 Encarnacion Street corner Lapu-Lapu Avenue, Magallanes Village, Makati City, Metro Manila. *By fax*: (632) 853-02-15. *By e-mail*: ccruz@savechildren.org (please indicate code "ECD COORD" in subject line).

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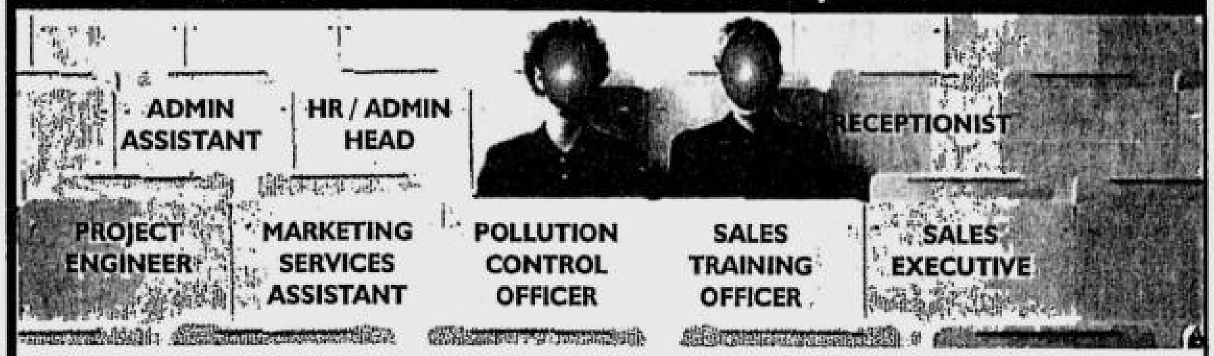

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

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- ✔ female, not more than 27 years old
- ✔ with strong analytical ability and good report writing skills
- ✔ excellent oral and written communication skills

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES

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- Graduate of BS Nursing
- Female between 21-27 years old
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- Can operate windows based program

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- At least High school Vocational College Level
- Male be 20-35 years old
- With 6 months experience in forklift operation
- With Professional Driver's License
- Good moral character

Maintenance Staff (urgent hiring)

- Male between 20-35 yrs. old
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Qualifications:

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- A graduate in Banking and Finance or any related field
- Knowledge and understanding of the cooperative operations, an advantage
- Must be computer literate (MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint,etc)
- Must have supervisory capabilities
- Must be willing to do field work

- TWO (2) CREDIT TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS (FOR NCR)
  - A graduate in Bus. Adm., with Accounting experience and knowledge
  - Must be computer literate (MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint,etc)
  - Knowledge in credit management systems, an advantage
  - Must be willing to do field work.
- FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS SPECIALISTS
  - 1 FOR NCR (Metro Manila based)
  - 1 FOR NORTHERN LUZON (Baguio City based)
  - 1 FOR MINDANAO (Cagayan de Oro City based)

Qualifications:

- Must be a Certified Public Accountant
- Must have experience, knowledge and skills in financial and accounting management and analysis
- Knowledge and understanding of cooperative operations, an advantage
- Must be computer literate (MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint,etc)
- Must have supervisory capabilities
- Must be willing to do field work

B. MICROFINANCE PROGRAM

- One (1) MICROFINANCE SPECIALIST (Metro Manila based)
  - A graduate in Business Administration or any related field
  - Must have experience, knowledge and skills in microfinance projects
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  - Must be willing to do field work

C. CENTRAL FUND

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- Please bring transcript

Please call Angel at 815-1851 to 53 for interview schedule

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Must be a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Architecture/Interior Design or Fine Arts. at least 23 years old Knowledge in Corel Draw 9.0 and AUTOCADD 2000 an advantage Creative, organized, and results-oriented.

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The HRD Department
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Deadline for submission of interested applicants is on or before July 13, 2003.

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Applicants must be holders of BS or AB Degree in Marketing, Masscom, Behavioral Sciences or any related courses, 21 to 25 years of age, personable and results oriented.

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16A Capitol Hills Road, Old Balara,
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Telephone Numbers: 931-4852 / 931-4854

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Must have at least 6 months of direct Java/J2EE experience.
Experience in server-side Java development and n-tier deployments a plus.
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Two (2) years experience with system implementation and/or IT oriented projects.
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AusAID

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is responsible for the delivery of Australia's Development Cooperation Program to the Philippines. AusAID is now seeking the services of a Filipino citizen to fill the position of:

PROGRAM OFFICER - DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Applicants should have a very good understanding of aid program issues and practices, and general development issues. A capacity to deal with Australian contractors and/or local consultants is essential. A willingness to travel throughout the Philippines, particularly Mindanao is also required. The successful applicant will contribute to the efficient and effective delivery of the development cooperation program through day-to-day management of ongoing activities and contracts, activity monitoring and reporting, quality policy input, and administrative support within a multi-functional cross cultural team.

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Applicants should address their written applications against the following criteria:

ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:
- ☐ Good appreciation of development issues and a knowledge of key national & international agencies
- ☐ Demonstrated contract management skills
- ☐ Work planning and organizational skills
- ☐ Good negotiation and facilitation skills
- ☐ Demonstrated liaison/ communication skills
- ☐ Working knowledge of Microsoft office software applications
- ☐ Good command of written and spoken English
- ☐ Technical writing skills
- ☐ Strong analytical skills

EXPERIENCES AND/OR QUALIFICATIONS:
- ☐ Minimum 2 years experience in program/ project development and management
- ☐ Experience in working as part of multi-cultural communities
- ☐ Experience in dealing with donors, the government, NGOs and other related institutions
- ☐ Ability to work in a team environment
- ☐ Ability to work under pressure
- ☐ Tertiary qualifications

The successful applicant will be expected to commence in August 2003. The commencing salary is negotiable within the range of P34,000 to P44,000 per month depending upon qualifications and experience. The position is available on a 2-year contract basis.

Applications addressing the above criteria and including details of two work-related referees should be sent to the following address by 18 July, 2003.

THE COUNSELLOR (DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION)
Development Cooperation Section - Australian Embassy
PO Box 1071, Makati, Metro Manila

Envelopes should be clearly marked "**PROGRAM OFFICER -AUSAID**". Only those selected for interview will have their applications acknowledged.

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- male or female, not more than 23 yrs.old
- graduate in advertising or multimedia course
- proficient in Photoshop, Freehand, Illustrator, 3D, Animation and Web Design
- with or without experience
- with pleasing personality,good communication skills

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
- female, not more than 23 yrs.old
- graduate in any business course
- with basic accounting background
- with or without experience
- with pleasing personality

Please submit your resumé to Access Digital Graphics
Unit B3, Bldg. B, Karrivin Plaza, Pasong Tamo Ext. Makati City
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- Proficient in computer operations

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- Preferably with 1 year related work experience
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COMPUTER OPERATORS
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- Working knowledge in MS office applications applications; Pagemaker, PC Anywhere, Windows 98/200/ME/XP
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# 2370 Antipolo St.,Guadalupe Nuevo, Makati City
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- ✔ Between 25 – 35 years old
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- ✔ With good oral & written communication skills
- ✔ Pleasing personality

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Technical/ Operations Specialist

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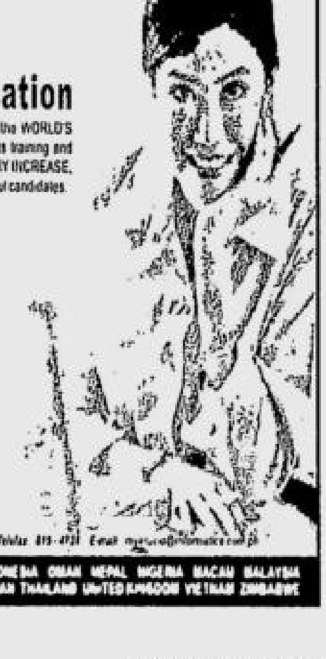

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- ◆ Must possess a pleasing and dynamic personality, impeccable integrity and good moral character
- ◆ Must be computer literate

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How do you choose between two different jobs?

DEAR WW: I've been approached by a manager in my company about switching departments. I like my current job but this new one has some great things going for it. How can I figure out whether I should move or stay?

Keep on Truckin?

Your question reminds me of a newspaper story I saw recently. A man bought an etching of a landscape, but didn't like the frame. So he took the frame off. Imagine his surprise: on the back was another etching, even nicer than the one he'd purchased. He showed it to a friend who thought the style looked familiar...turns out the hidden etching was by Rembrandt!

So here's a couple of questions for you: is your new opportunity a Rembrandt—or just a cheap reproduction of your current job? And will your little change of landscape be second-rate or will it turn out to be a masterpiece? To help you find the answer, I recommend one of my all-time favorite books, "Out of the Crisis" by W. Edwards Deming (MIT, 1986). Deming was to business what Muhammad Ali was to boxing: simply the greatest.

Although his writing (to borrow a phrase from Ali) is more likely to sting like a bee than float like a butterfly, I guarantee you'll learn more from this book than from almost any other business title. I've adapted the following questions from it.

Which is the more important department? Which is on the way up? Resources, opportunities and attention are easier to get in a department that's on a roll, so you want to figure out which one is higher on the corporate pecking order. The clues are subtler than just who's at the top of the org chart.

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

For example, look at which one gets the wooden desks (instead of metal), the better toys (like new computers), and most important, the juicier assignments.

Which department is more essential to the company? Some departments sound important but just produce a lot of hot air. Others produce essential products or services for important internal or external customers. Imagine that both departments ceased to exist. Which one would the company have to recreate?

Which manager is better at removing obstacles for the employees? There are three kinds of managers: those who keep their power close to their chest, those who spread it around, and those who wouldn't recognize power if it tapped them on the shoulder. Do some homework on your "new" boss. Find out which one has a better track record of empowering his or her employees?

Where would you learn more? Deming is famous for championing "continuous improvement" essential to the success of organizations. It's no different for "You, Inc."

Speaking of Rembrandt (the toothpaste, not the painter), this is no time to whitewash your options. Answer these questions honestly and it should be easier to pick the best opportunity to sink your teeth into.

New Department

ILLUSTRATION BY ALBERT RODRIGUEZ

Here are the results of the recent workingwounded.com poll: What would motivate you to switch jobs?

—Power, 15 percent

—Perks, 19 percent

—Pay, 66 percent

Our winning job decision strategy is from Jane in Berkeley, CA. "Figure out where you want to be when you move on from whichever of these jobs you do take. Know which direction you want your career to take, and determine which of the jobs will get you closer, in the next few years, to developing the skills and experience you'll need on that path. It isn't "Where would you learn more?" It's "Where would you learn more of what you need to know to get where you want to go?"

(Mr. Rosner is the author of "The Boss's Survival Guide," McGraw Hill 2001, and "Working Wounded," Warner 2000, a speaker and founder of the award-winning Working Wounded.com and Retention Evangelist.com. He is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Email him at bob@working wounded.com.)

Yuppies ...

(From page J18)

nee and faculty member of Don Bosco Technical Institute of Makati, says Rotaract has four avenues of service—club service, community service, professional service and international service. "The club service comprise of activities that involve the members. Parties, bonding events, district conferences fall under this category." She adds that these activities are designed to train, educate and bond the members.

Passion to serve

Garry Zaldy de Castro, immediate past district Rotaract representative and a web manager, says professional service involves Rotary members inspiring and motivating them not only to be better Rotaractors but also to be better professional. "Trainings are held to teach the officers how to effectively perform their duties in the organization," he says. Community service, meanwhile, involves the medical and outreach missions the group holds each year.

Although one has to be invited to be a Rotary member, to become a Rotaractor is a different matter. Rotaract has two types of organization—community-based and school-based. Heidy Elizan, director for Community Service, explains that the school-based Rotaract is just like a regular school organization. "It does recruitments, student members pay dues, etc." Rotaract is present in universities like De La Salle and Ateneo. Community-based Rotaract, on the other hand, is by invitation only. Fritzie Arreola, district secretary and and a sales executive at Philippine Aluminum Wheels Inc., explains that they specially invite those who are willing and have the passion to serve. "To be a Rotaractor requires spending so much time and effort for its projects," she says. "We invite people who have the fire to help."

Fun in serving

But the group does have its share of fun. Their meetings are always filled with food and laughter, evidence that the members know how to balance obligations and enjoyment. They usually hold their meetings in a restaurant owned by a Rotary member, Emmanuel "Loy" Cosico, who is the district coordinating chair for New Generations. While planning the activities and projects of the group, they make sure that the members have a good time. The group also tries to strengthen their bond. They hold barbecue and videoke parties to relax and unwind.

Joselito "Lito" Peñaverde, district Rotaract area representative and a criminologist, is thankful that he is a Rotaractor. "Being a Rotaractor gives me a sense of fulfillment," he says. "We get to develop our self-confidence while we help other people." Joffrey Po, district auditor and an entrepreneur, is just as grateful. "It is service above self. It feels good to know that we are doing something good for the society."

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Linking people and jobs is recruitment officer's dream job

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HR Focus

AS RECRUITMENT officer of Link2Support, 24-year-old Jaquelyn Sineneng feels she has her dream job. Basically, her job is to fill up vacancies in the company.

"Recruitment is a function of HR," says Sineneng. "It's never ending, especially in Link2Support because we are constantly in need of manpower." Link2Support is a call center that provides technical support to clients of Linksys, the US-based mother company, by giving them information on the proper use of computer hardware, which Linksys manufactures. Calls emanate from all corners of the globe, but mostly from North America. Link2-Support has been here for three years. Sineneng joined it two years ago, starting out as an HR assistant.

Sineneng is an AB Philosophy graduate of the University of Santo Tomas. She is presently taking up a one-year course in HR Management at the De La Salle University College of Saint Benilde and also hopes to finish an MA in HR Management at UST as soon as possible.

Awesome job

During a brief teaching stint after college, Sineneng realized she would rather do HR-related corporate work. This prompted her to apply at Link2Support when the opportunity came. Sineneng contends that her heart was always in HR and recalls her involvement in a cousin's car business, where she was in charge of recruiting sales personnel. Early on, she adds, she knew she was cut out for HR because she likes people and enjoys interacting with them.

And her job at Link2-Support is about people. Sineneng explains, "As recruitment officer, I meet and interview 50 applicants a day. I screen them and make the proper recommendations to our senior officers." Link2Support, a 600-seater call center with three shifts, has a total manpower of 1,500. Because of the stringent qualifications—applicants must be engineering or computer science graduates—there is often a shortage of product support representatives. Sineneng now has a team of four personnel to assist her in recruitment.

Still, the demands of her job remain awesome. Sineneng is not confined to office or deskwork. In connection with recruitment, she needs to establish ties with different universities and has to monitor company ads in print and in the website, and represents the company in job fairs as well. But, the biggest challenge she faces everyday is finding the right people for the company.

Dynamic company

Apparently dedicated to her job, Sineneng takes pride in the company where the culture, she points out, is conducive to continuous learning and development. "Link2Support," she says, "is dynamic. What's more, the management is genuinely concerned about the employees and makes sure that they're happy in their jobs. There are excellent facilities including those for recreation. More importantly, the management fosters close ties among us. We're one big happy family. Our ties go beyond work relationship."

SINENENG PHOTO BY RUDY ESPERAS

Because of the strong support system among them, work becomes less of a burden. The company offers its employees continuous training programs to keep them updated. For product support representatives or agents, their job can serve as a starting point. They can be promoted to team leader, handling people instead of calls. Link2Support, Sineneng points out, provides a career path.

High standards

Because the base of Link2Support is manpower, Sineneng measures her achievements in terms of filling up vacant slots. She contends, "It's not easy getting people who are qualified to meet the company's high standards. The difficult part is that we are always in need of people." Link2Support, by the way, also has call centers in Europe, in other parts of Asia and in California, its home base.

Career-wise, having played a role in building the Link2Support group in the Philippines, is to Sineneng's mind her foremost significant accomplishment so far. She prides herself in being one of the pioneers of the company. Link2Support has 50 employees. This excludes product support representatives. It is headed by the general manager, Vincent Fan, a Taiwanese. The senior manager is a Filipino, Vigor Amador, Jr.

Sineneng sees her career peaking when she becomes an HR consultant, her ultimate goal. "I see it happening when I reach 30. At 35, I would like to go back to teaching part-time." In between, she plans to get married. But, overall, she would like to devote herself to HR—being of service to people, taking care of their needs and interacting with them, which is when she is most fulfilled.

Teenage...

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but it will be worth the effort. Focus on your human resource systems, which would include a system for employee discipline. Then, give skills training to your manager to enable him to implement the system. You are right in your desire to balance motivation and punishment.

Critical issues

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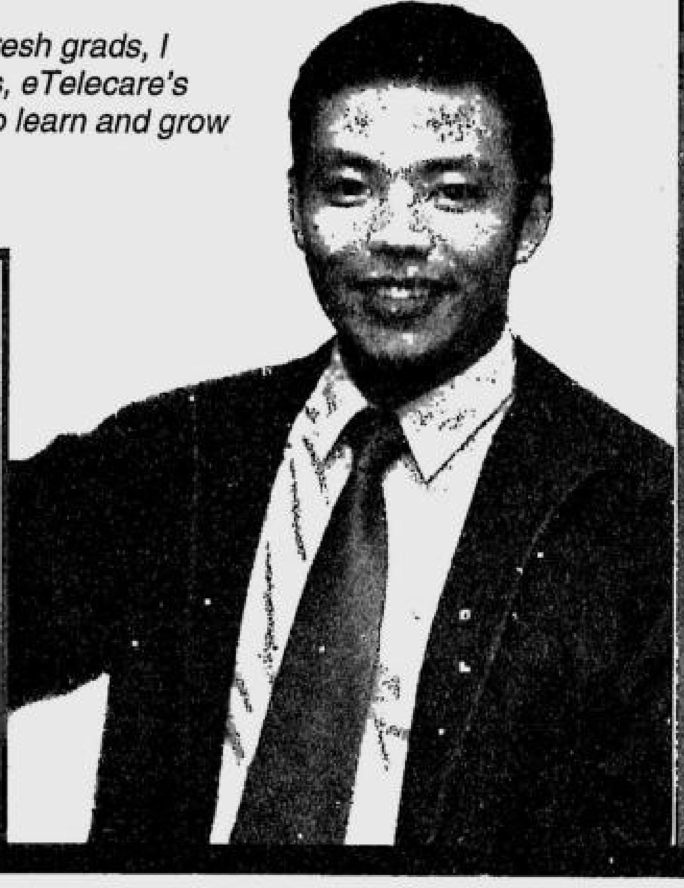

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Yuppies find fulfillment in missions

By Rochelle Leonor

IT'S not just about glitz and glamour. Contrary to popular notions that Rotaract members are out to have fun and only fun, there is more to them that meets the eye. One shining example is the Rotaract District Committee of Rotary International District 3810, who believe in sharing three Ts—time, talent and treasure.

Rotaract is composed of college students and young professionals, from ages 18 to 30. They are considered the New Generation. Its 'father' organization is the more well-known Rotary International. Interact, the younger version, is composed of high school students. Xenia Yasmine Erañes, district Rotaract representative-elect and president of XY Skills and Development and Career Specialists, Inc., says that there is an estimated 1,000 members for District 3810 alone. These members are from Manila, Pasay, Cavite and Occidental Mindoro.

Time for missions

Recently, Rotaract District 3810 spent time with the communities in San Miguel, Manila. Done in partnership with the different Rotaract club presidents in Manila, they held a medical mission for people in the San Miguel area. The members invited their doctor friends to participate in the project. Noel Gonzales, District 3810 director for Membership and Club Extension and Rotaract Club of Manila president, says that they used their network to bring in more people. "I asked my sister-in-law, who is a dentist, to pitch in," says Oliver Alvarez, district Rotaract representative and an educator at Southville International School and Colleges in Las Piñas. He further adds that these people are just as eager to lend a helping hand. The group also made rounds, providing blood pressure testing. Medicines were given to around 150 families.

Pitching in

Vincent Tan, district director for International Service and a computer programmer, adds that they solicit help from district officers, other Rotary members, companies and sometimes, politicians. In the San Miguel medical mission, solon Mark Jimenez agreed to set up a soup kitchen. The members themselves also pitched in, contributing medicines, plastic wares for food, etc. Cavite was another recipient of the group's medical mission. Just like in Manila, the group provided medical and dental assistance to around 600 people.

Sharing goods

The Mindoro outreach program was the favorite of the group, though. It was the first time that they held such a project in Occidental Mindoro. The group provided wheelchairs and medicines to the natives. They also gave school supplies and candies for schoolchildren. Although they would have preferred holding a medical mission, proximity prevented them from doing so. Transporting dentists and doctors to the place proved to be difficult for them. Nevertheless, it didn't prevent the group from extending the help they can give.

Gilbert Yupangco, district Rotaract chair and 'father' of the group, says the projects wouldn't have been possible without the support of their families and friends. Yupangco asked a family member, who is connected with a pharmaceutical company, to spare some medicines for the project. "She spared two boxes of Tempra," he smiles. Some friends contributed three sacks of rice for the Mindoro project. Yupangco adds that the group also gets financial assistance from the District Governor herself, Rosie Go. As district governor of District 3810, she ensures that the community projects of Rotaractors are well implemented.

Venicel Sumalde, District Rotaract representative-nomi-

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SEATED from left are Rotaract members XY Eranes, Gilbert Yupangco, Rosie Go, Oliver Alvarez, Nice Sumalde. Standing from left are Vincent Tan, Joffrey Po, Fritzie Arreola, Garry de Castro, Heidi Elizan, Carlo Manalo, Lito Peñaverde and Noel Gonzales

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Teenage entrepreneur faces debt, people problems

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice
FOR THE
ANXIOUS PERSON
AT WORK

I AM only 19 years old and I run a P5-million business, which my dad started. He left it in debt four years ago. I am studying management. I have fine grades and I am happy with my course for I can apply what I have learned in school in managing my small business. I have learned that I am an amateur when its comes to business.

My main business is LPG distribution. I hired a sales manager, an accounting clerk and a lot of employees. I have many problems. First, perhaps because of my youth, I really like to hang out at nights to relax and separate myself from my problems. Because of this, I often neglect my business.

Second, I have problems relating with my employees as an owner. I am very lenient because most of my employees are my old friends and I find it hard to punish them. However, since I employed a manager, I made rules and regulation that moved from lenient to strict. At first, they followed the rules but now because I am often out, they do not follow the rules and that is bad for the organization. I have given that responsibility to the manager but the manager does not punish my employees. It is very odd if I will be the one to monitor my employees. Is it okay if I will set some punishment?

According to Maslow, there is a hierarchy of needs. I have only addressed level 1 needs. I have not yet addressed their other needs. Please give me some ideas on how to motivate them.

Finally, I have problems in communicating with other people. As the owner of the firm, do I really need to talk to my customers? I am avoiding them because I don't want them to haggle with me on price and credit line. I also do not know how to talk to people in a nice way. I act superior with other people, even with my friends and relatives. I really do not like how I am acting. How can I communicate better?

Young Entrepreneur

Let me try to unravel what you cited as complex issues to you. The enterprise you run has actually two elements. One is the business side and the other is the organization side. While they are related, the problems that arise for each of the elements are different. On the business side, I need to know whether the enterprise is still in debt and if this indebtedness is causing you the problems you are trying to escape from by "hanging out" with your friends in the evening. If this is so, then you cannot solve this challenge by ignoring it. You have to face the brutal facts.

Business audit

On the business side, you can ask a qualified external person whom you can trust to do a business audit. He or she can take a look at the four Ms: money, manpower, materials and methods. The audit should be able to give you some answers. Given the business environment, what are the business directions you can and should pursue? Given the business direction how many people do you need to keep and hire? What is your current versus the desired level of inventory you need to maintain? Most importantly, on the money side where does the enterprise stand? Get information on payables, receivables, learn to read financial statements reviewing profit and loss, cash flow, and balance sheet.

On the organization side, you may need to start thinking of support systems. At a certain size, the organization has to start formalizing its systems, so that employees know how to behave while working. Systematizing is tedious work

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'Lowly' workers

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

HOW does "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" sound to you? Change "carpenter" to "plumber" or "driver" or "mason," view it in the context of today's values and see if your perception of that question will change. "Is he not the plumber, the son of Pacing?"

You have heard that the man had been miraculously healing the sick and speaking with wisdom in the marketplace. People are amazed and ask "*Hindi ba iyon 'yung tuberong anak ni* Pacing?" The unspoken comments may be "Isn't he lucky (to be healing when he's a mere plumber)? Where did he pick up what he's talking about (when he only reached grade five)? Well, he can retire now and live on the collection from his healing and speaking racket!"

Isn't it rather unfortunate that we tend to measure a man by his occupation? And more often than not, we tend to look down on "lowly" workers, or in any case those who dirty their hands at work, or those whose jobs require no higher education.

It is unfortunate because in our busyness, we often remain superficial in our perceptions, failing to see the value of "lowly" workers in our society. Imagine what would happen to our toilets if we didn't have people willing to work as plumbers. But because we are too preoccupied with our own (very important) work, we overlook the fact that "lowly workers" are as human and therefore as open to grace as all children of God.

Thank God Jesus was a "lowly" carpenter. Isn't God just!

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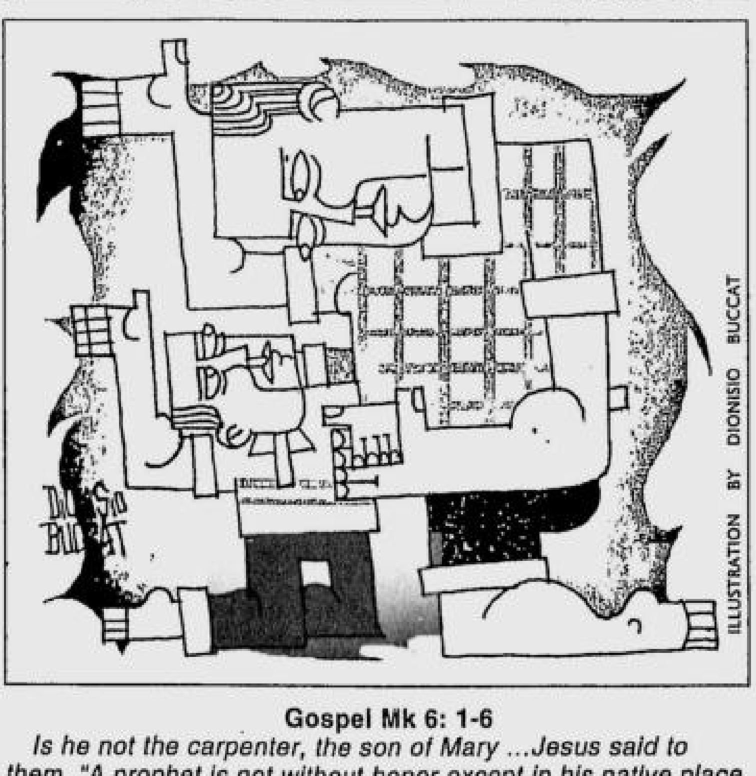

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Gospel Mk 6: 1-6

Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary ...Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

Familiarity breeds 'family'

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

WHEN Jesus came to his native place, His friends and neighbors who were so familiar with Him, simply calling Him "the carpenter, the son of Mary," could hardly believe their eyes and ears seeing the marvelous things He had done and hearing Him teach with wisdom. Their familiarity with Him should have made them accept Him and feel proud of Him as one of their very own, but instead they made Jesus feel like a *persona non grata* "among his own kin and in his own house."

The rejection felt by Jesus is also experienced by a worker, who is known for his great dedication to his job and the welfare of the company, and yet is not duly recognized by the management. Another worker, formerly notorious for his bad habits and his quarrelsome attitude but who has renewed himself and starts sharing his newfound direction in life with the others, feels discouraged and outcast when he is just ignored or even mocked by his colleagues. A more intimate knowledge of one another in the workplace should bring coworkers closer to one another and should not alienate one from the others.

The workplace, where we spend most of our waking hours, is where we grow also as a human person and not just as a working animal. It is also where our co-workers become our very "own kin." Familiarity among workers should not breed contempt, but rather, it should develop a sense of 'family' in our places of work. As Jesus was excited to go back to his native place, so a worker is eager to report to his workplace knowing that he is coming to his "own house," his "native place."

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Chef Fernando Aracama

Cooking in the Limelight

It's the era of the chef as media personality, and this TV cooking show host and ebullient maestro of the hip restaurant Uva is having a ball creating cuisine with a Pinoy twist—and learning how to draw the crowds

Aracama savoring his own concoction, Choc-Nut ice cream

By Alya B. Honasan
Photographs by Mike Alquinto

IT WAS a true Fernando "Fern" Aracama moment, how he first got hit by the idea of making ice cream out of Choc-Nut. "It's the ideas that hit you when you least expect it that really work," he notes. It was 1999, and he had dipped into his usual stash of frozen Choc-Nut, one of his comfort foods, when he wondered how the cold treat would taste as an ice cream. He eventually whipped it up himself, and it's been flying out of his Makati restaurant, Uva in Greenbelt 2, ever since.

Creativity with a wacky twist has been a trademark of this ebullient chef since he first gained acclaim, one of the up-and-coming kitchen mavericks turning the job into a profoundly hip career choice. In the words of writer Karla Delgado, who drafted the 34-year-old Aracama to contribute to a soon-to-be published book on Philippine markets, "Chefs are the new rock stars."

Indeed, this mestizo with twinkling eyes and an undeniably hearty vibe is a performer. He is articulate, funny and a self-confessed "master of the comeback line," a talent he had to suppress once when an unreasonably grouchy customer berated him in the middle of a crowded dining room for serving bad fish. "There was no going around it," he exclaims. "I knew I served it right, but I stood there and listened. I just bit my tongue, because she was really mad. I took

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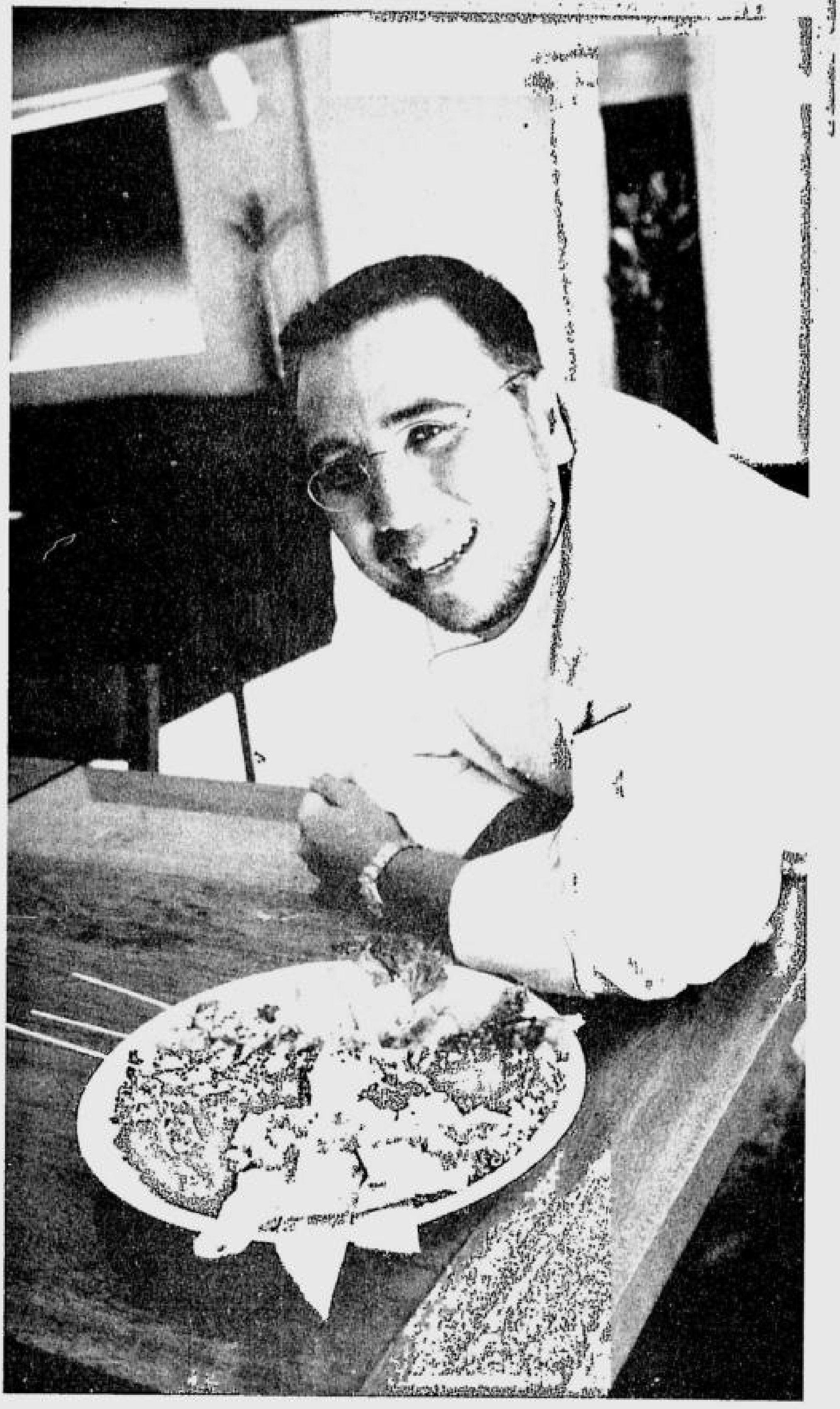

Progressive Pinoy: At right, with his Big Plate of appetizers in Uva; below left, in culinary school in Vermont—he's second from the right

everything off her bill, with my cursory one apology, because if you keep repeating it, it would no longer be sincere. I expected a call from her the next day telling me that she had food poisoning, but she was back eating there the next week. Maybe she just had a *really* bad day!"

Luckily, there's no need to hold back when Aracama is hosting the TV show "How About My Place?" on Saturday mornings at 10:30 on RPN 9. Aracama took over from fellow chef Gene Gonzalez. "It's easy-to-do food, with ingredients that are available and accessible to everyone—*pambahay* with a professional approach," he says. "It's a great avenue to teach people, and it's a privilege to do that on a nationwide level." So there's no camera shyness at all? "It's very natural for me to talk about what I love and what I do, so I don't need a script. It's just me yapping."

Aracama has just gotten back from the US, where a vacation ended in a fellowship from the United States Department of Agriculture to study restaurant marketing at the University of Houston's Hilton College. He also got to visit the National Restaurant Association Show in Chicago, "where every new trend is. I just gobbled it up!" For an admitted artist who's just learning to be a businessman, the money side is "totally new," Aracama admits. "I've always been at the back of the house, always been the guy holding the knife, making sure it was sharp. It's a most delicate balance—you don't want the creative side to lose out. I want to ease myself into the more interesting part of the business first, and right now, that's marketing."

Speaking of marketing, it helps that Aracama is hitting his stride just as what he calls "the concept of the chef-driven restaurant" is becoming the trend in Manila's increasingly competitive dining scene. "French chefs have always been in the limelight in their own world, but they were never multimedia," Aracama notes. "It was the advent of California cuisine that saw the rise of the blue collar chef coming into the spotlight as a media creature. I think it's natural to have a personality to go with the food and the resto—it's a very expressive craft, very personal. It's a great opportunity for the career and the profession. Chef-driven restaurants have that profile of being well run, having consistent food. Guests are talking about going to Gaita's, David's, and now Fernando's. The names of the restaurants and the chefs are getting harder to separate."

On the other hand, having your name on the line keeps you on your toes, because if the food sucks, all the charisma in the world won't save you. "The key is to practice consistency, a tough thing to manage. Cooking, in as much as it is an art form, is also closely linked to emotional state," Aracama reveals. "I'm not romanticizing it, but if you're sick, *wala na*. If you're depressed, it won't be the best food you can cook. It's not like painting, because you've gotta move that food out *now*. So you have to surround yourself with a good staff who can take up the slack."

He still has to come to terms with the required schmoozing, though. "I'm not shy, for sure, but I still have to learn that part where I go, 'Goooood evening, how's dinner?'—that front-of-the-house face. Half of me still says, oh man, you're just asking for it!"

If people do ask for him during lunch and dinner nowadays, it's to acknowledge a job well done. "If I was granted my current recognition now, it was based on merit. I worked for it. I'm just a *Pandaca pygmea* in a big pool of *hito* and *maliputo*," he chuckles, using a favorite adjective. "It's *awesome!*"

If the knowledge of fish species is noteworthy, that's because this Bacolod native (who still can't shake the accent *gid*) once thought of becoming a marine biologist. That is, until they transferred the University of the Philippines' College of Fisheries to Miag-ao, Iloilo, and he didn't fancy heading back to Negros.

Food had always been a big thing for this family of seven children (Aracama is the fifth child) born to a drug company executive father, who cooked "tropical Spanish cuisine," and a Cavite-born housewife mother. "Even if we were just eating tuyo, we would have the *servilletas* (napkins), china, cutlery—the works. We learned to respect the food."

Aracama enrolled instead in Hotel and Restaurant Administration at UP, cooking for the three other brothers he was living with, "making large batches of baked macaroni." In 1991, certain he had found his life's work, he took off for the New England Culinary Institute in Vermont, what he calls "culinary boot camp." Today, he considers the foreign stint an advantage. "Beyond the education, you gain a certain type of confidence learning from the French masters and being exposed to their professional attitudes. I learned to respect the jacket we wear, and realized that it's truly a profession that requires dedication and commitment."

Back from Vermont in 1994, he worked as sous chef for Sign of the Anvil, mentored by Myrna Segismundo, "who taught me a good attitude towards Filipino food." He moved on to a stint as executive chef at the Pulchra Beach Resort in Cebu, where he first learned to manage people. He opened the first Uva in Quezon City in 1998, naming the restaurant after the Latin, Spanish and Italian singular term for "grape." "I didn't want to commit to any cuisine, since I'm a master of none, but I do know bits and pieces of everything, and I know how to put them together seamlessly." In fact, if asked to describe the food he now serves in Greenbelt, Aracama calls it "progressive and contemporary with a Filipino direction." That includes such winners as a succulent *miso* sea bass in a secret marinade, and chicken *inasal* elevated to new heights. For this shoot, Aracama served up a whopping, fabulous Big Plate of six ingenious appetizers: smoked *bangus* paté with crostini, grilled tuna satays with orange and *miso* glaze, crispy duck triangles with citrus chili sauce, "not joes" or crispy wafers with *adobo*, mango salsa and *kalamansi* sour cream, crispy seafood sticks with tamarind sweet and sour dip, and chopped vegetable salad with a spicy Asian dressing—a feast meant to be shared at P635.

Aracama is at Uva almost every day, ending his day at around 10:30-11 in the evening, later on weekends. He's moved into a Makati condominium to be near work. But when he's got to have some comfort food, he goes back to the food they cooked at home—fried fish and vegetables, "*guinataang labong* (bamboo shoots with coconut milk) with *saluyot* (spinach) and flavored with crab," or a quick KFC Zinger. "This August I'm leaving again to visit Paris, and I'm saving up to eat in Alain Ducasse's restaurant, George V. I know I'll regret it when I get back!" This chef loves to travel, is a self-described "techno-dolt" just getting to know his iMac computer, a regular golfer and tennis player—and a bachelor. "I don't think about it much," he laughs when asked about possible domesticity. "Well, it *is* way past the 10-minute mark—more like 25 minutes?"

It helps that Aracama does think the world of food. "It's something convivial, shared by everyone. It's been the key in my career; it opened up the entire profession for me. It's not just nutrition, but an avenue to explore. And the learning just doesn't stop." The point is to enjoy the ride, he concludes. "This is serious stuff, but you learn not to take it too seriously!"

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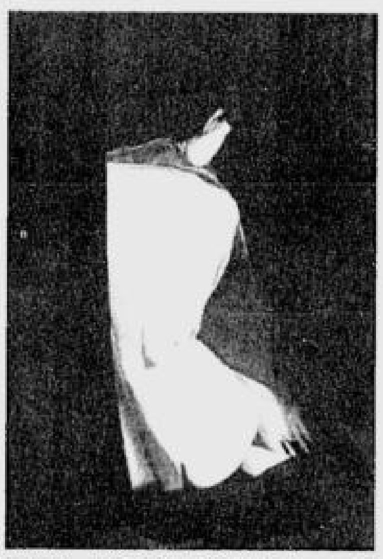

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Reply

A letter from a friend in America
Smelled of spring in Virginia.
"Everywhere's green," she said,
(Like your money, I thought.)
"Like it's a dream." She wrote
of her hubby and his birds
and her job and her boss,
and throwing parties as a hobby.

It bothers her that she can't
Quite choose the perfect cheese
For her salads; she whines
About selecting wine for luncheons
Served in their porch
For visiting friends from college.

I wrote back:
It's near election here, and so dry.
The posters crack on the walls,
Though the candidates keep on smiling.
I have no boss now; I lost my job.
Last time I went to Ed's party,
I asked for left-overs for my dog.
But Bantay wouldn't lick the bone
Picked clean by the politicians.

PS.
Is the Watergate Hotel where you work?
The Watergate of the Nixon scandal?

Alex C. Delos Santos

Anibersaryo

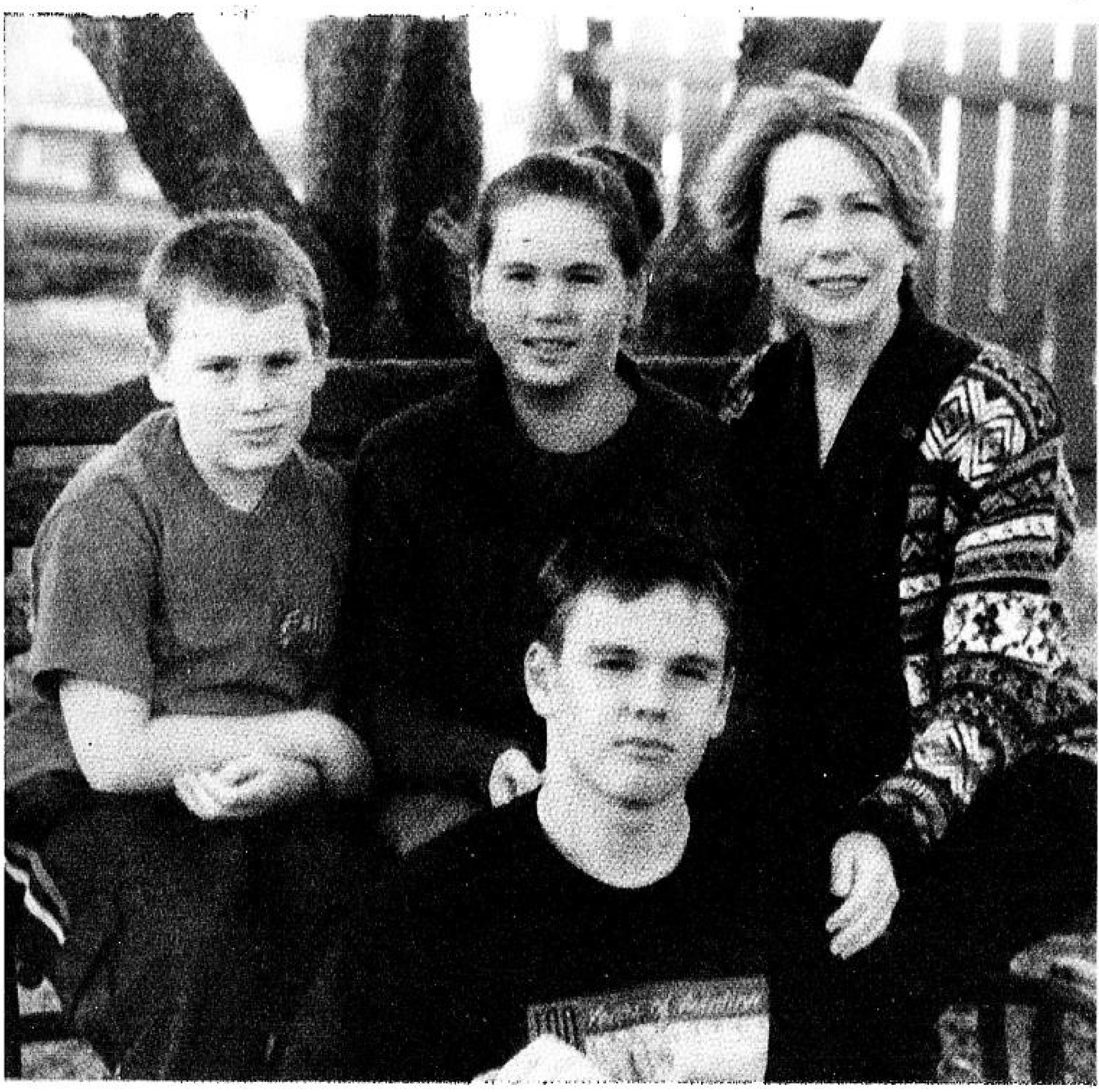
Sa araw na ito'y naganap
ang unang taon ng iyong
paglisan.
Naiwang maybahay akong
nakatanaw pa rin sa kawalan—
sinisilip sa mga hiwa sa dingding
ang bakas ng tuwa at lungkot
sa iyong mga mata,
ang kislap ng iyong liwanag
na pumunit sa karimlan
ng aking ligalig na pag-iisa,
ang kung-anong-hiwaga sa hiblang
nagdurugtong sa puso't pusod
nating dalawa.
Kanina, isinalansan ko sa sahig
ang iyong mga gamit wari'y bumalik-
kusa sa aking malay ang mainit
na hagod ng iyong sulat-kamay.
Anibersaryo mo ngunit walang
"babang-luksa" akong nagdiriwang
Dahil hanggang ngayon
at sa natitira pang panahon
ng aking buhay
Ipinagluluksa ko
ang iyong pamamaalam.

Mark Anthony Angeles

Survivors' Tales

By Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

Back to Life



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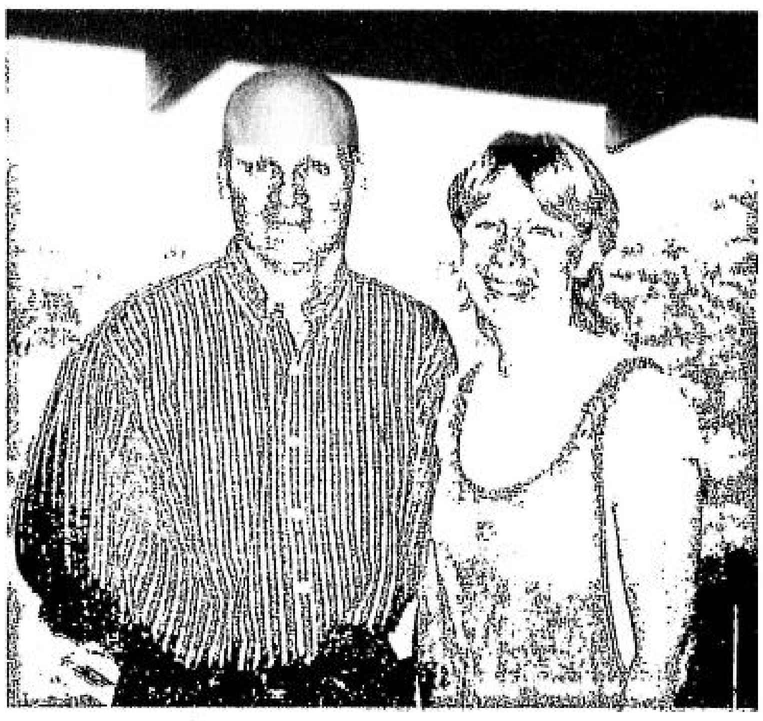

"Just a small family": With children Zach, Mindy and Jeff in Kansas today (top); with Martin in Nueva Vizcaya (above) and coming home (right)

THE world knew her as half of the American missionary couple who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Snatched from an island resort in Palawan by the Abu Sayyaf bandits with 19 others including husband Martin, Gracia Burnham recounts their year of terror as hostages in the jungles of Mindanao in the recently published "In the Presence of My Enemies."

While answering many questions about the kidnapping on May 27, 2001, the book also raises disturbing ones: Was there collusion between the military and the Muslim rebels as recounted by Burnham? Who was Ma'am Blanco, the supposed link between the gunrunners inside the military and their bandit clients? Did President Arroyo really talk with ASG leader Abu Sabaya on the satellite phone during the early days of the hostage situation?

But such power politics cannot obscure the compelling story of this simple pastor's daughter who saw the ordeal as a test of faith, and passed—not always graciously, she confesses in the book, but with dogged determination, a lot of prayers and flashes of humor.

TV footages have shown Gracia as the bewildered captive, wounded hostage, grieving widow, triumphant survivor. The book tells us, in her own words, how she sees herself: The fifth of six children, "learning to get along in crowded conditions was a skill I had acquired early," writes this Illinois native. A good student, Gracia Jones found two biographies particularly inspiring—that of Amy Carmichael, who set up a refuge for prostituted girls in India, and Mary Slessor, a Scottish missionary who worked in Nigeria. "What I liked about Mary Slessor was that she was gutsy; she'd stand up to tribal chiefs and tell them exactly what she thought!"

It was in Bible College where Gracia met Martin Burnham, a missionary kid whose parents were even then working with the Ibaloi tribes of Northern Luzon.. The two were wed in May 1983 and settled soon after in Aritao, Nueva Vizcaya in 1986, later in Malaybalay, Bukidnon, and then Palawan, where, as New Tribes Mission pilot, Martin would deliver everything that missionary families needed—from eggs to fuel—and transported patients to medical facilities.

Life for the Burnhams was pretty normal if austere at their mission outpost, with occasional treats, like a turkey, that made Thanksgiving 2000 the family's favorite memory of life in the Philippines.

The kidnapping changed all that. In her darkest moments during their ordeal, Gracia would blame herself for choosing to celebrate their 18th anniversary in the island resort.

On June 7, 2002, the military ambushed the rebel camp, fatally wounding hostages Martin Burnham and nurse Ediborah Yap in the crossfire. Wounded in the leg, Gracia managed to make it out. On June 10, she was back in Kansas City, where she eventually put up the Martin & Gracia Burnham Foundation that seeks to support missions around the world by funding, among others, missionary aviation, tribal mission work and Christian ministries to Muslims.

From Rose Hill, where she makes a home with children Jeff, Mindy and Zach, Gracia sent the following response to questions e-mailed to her by SIM.

SIM: Some people would probably wait a while to write a book like yours after going through a similar ordeal, just to get things in perspective. Why did you write the book and why so soon?

Gracia Burnham: People at (Martin's) funeral began asking me to write our story because so many of them had been involved with praying. And I realized while officials were debriefing me that I remembered lots of details, and I set down to write them. I think it was a good thing for me to do, as I realized that, while I was in the situation, I had put the emotion of it all behind me. It was good to think about what I had been thinking. I think it was healing for me to put some emotion in what I had gone through.

SIM: What reactions did you expect from a book as frank and candid as yours?

GB: I remember wondering while I was writing it that people would be offended or think my views were warped because of the situation I was in, and I really did try to make it as non-offensive as I could. I am the type of person who wants everybody to be happy with me, and I really didn't want to get in trouble over the book, but wanted to be true to the story as I saw it.

In her controversial book, "In the Presence of My Enemies," Gracia Burnham recounts her ordeal as a hostage of the Abu Sayyaf bandits. Here, she writes from Kansas about picking up the pieces of her life and how she copes—as a single parent, a widow and a public symbol of faith

SIM: Looking back, who among the hostages made the deepest impact on you? Why?

GB: Angie and Fe were my best friends. They were my confidants and they were important to me. But Ediborah and I were together the longest. Her death made a deep impact on me. We had been so confident and had been praying that she would get out. That was a hard one for me, when she ended up dying.

First "proof of life" photo sent out to media in July 2001, the Burnhams with captor Abu Sabaya

SIM: If you were to meet any of your captors again, what would you say to them?

GB: I don't think I would say anything to them. I would quickly go find a law enforcement person and put the law on their trail. Hopefully I would see them before they saw me. If they were in jail and I visited them, I would ask them how they are doing and how they are being treated because I know what it's like to not be free. I would love for them to hear the gospel because that is what they ultimately need to hear.

SIM: What are the most valuable lessons you've learned from the ordeal—about yourself, your faith, your life, your children, what you value most?

GB: What is important in life is not your career or the money you have or your comfort level. It is your faith and your family. That is what you need to be pouring your energies into.

SIM: When you came back to Kansas, what was your biggest indulgence? Meals or foods you asked for first or comforts you missed most?

GB: I let myself eat anything I wanted to eat for a long time. If there was dessert I would take all I wanted. I didn't limit myself at first. Often in the jungle I would crave sweet potatoes. I don't know why, because I just don't love sweet potatoes. On one of my first days home when I was off my crutches, I walked to the supermarket and bought one sweet potato, took it home, boiled it and sat down and ate it. It wasn't mealtime, but it was just my treat for myself because I had wanted one so badly when I didn't have anything. I missed a long hot bath in a bathtub. It was one of my first treats to myself once my leg was healed.

SIM: How are you coping as a single mother, widow and survivor?

GB: We are learning about single parenthood. The kids have learned that they can't be as demanding as in a family that has two parents. And I've learned not to be upset with myself because I can't be in two places at one time. We've all learned to just do what we can and go on. Moving forward as a widow, I just try to not view myself as alone because I do have my kids, and because it hurts my heart. I guess I try not to think of myself as a widow, but just that we are a small family. I don't think of myself as anything special. I think I learned a lot about the human spirit and how it wants so badly to survive. I think many, many people are capable of doing what I did.

SIM: How are you and your children adjusting to life without Martin?

GB: Fairly well, actually. We laugh a lot. We talk about Martin a lot. We look forward to seeing him someday and we talk about that. And I think with God's help, we're adjusting quite well.

SIM: What's a typical day like for you these days?

GB: I take the kids to school and come home and do whatever is on my calendar for that day, I try to get correspondence and interviews and other appointments done while the kids are at school. I try to have supper ready for them when they get home.

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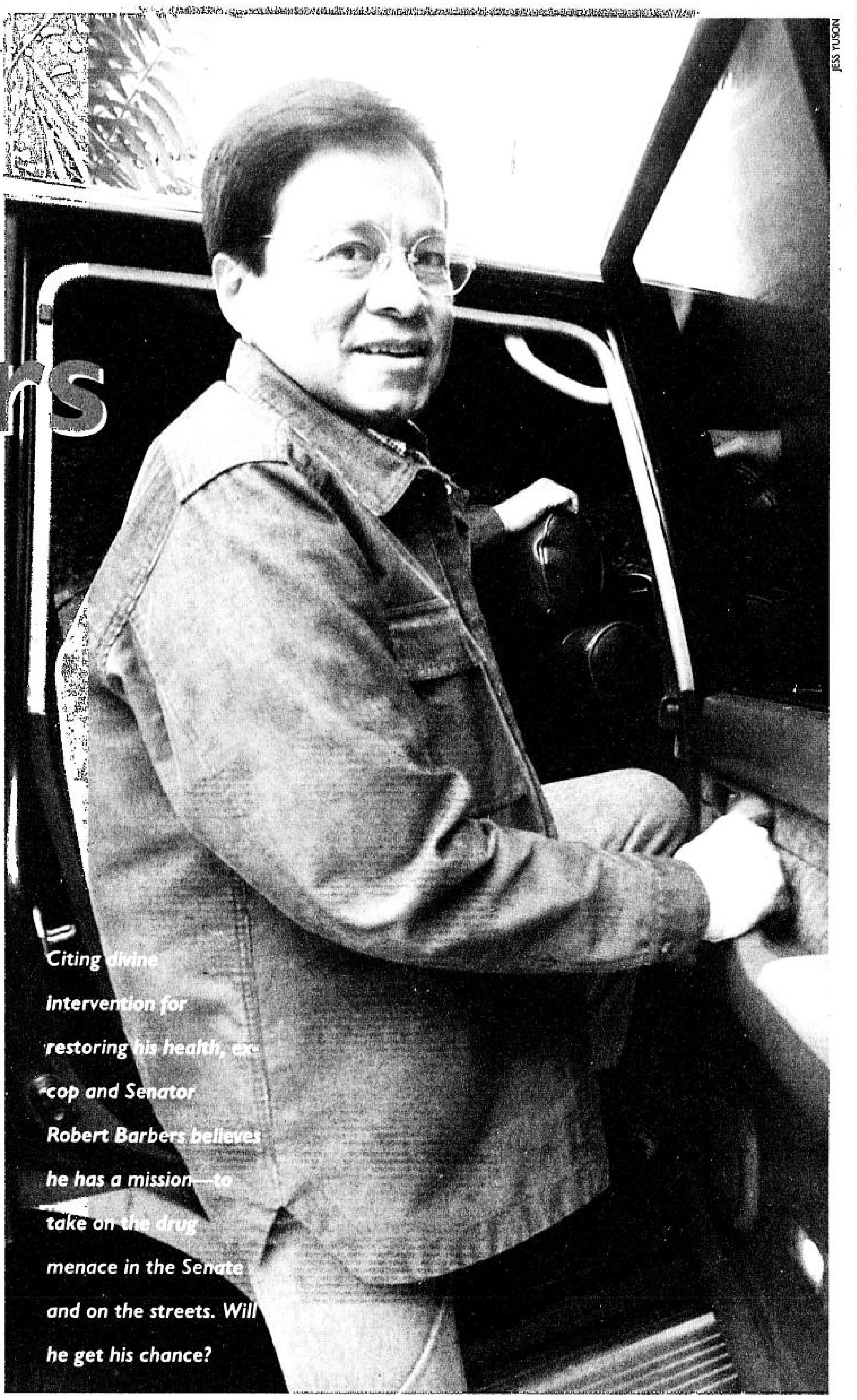
Controversies

By Ma. Ceres P. Doyo

Barbers at War



JESS YUSON

Citing divine intervention for restoring his health, ex-cop and Senator Robert Barbers believes he has a mission—to take on the drug menace in the Senate and on the streets. Will he get his chance?

HE WAS about to hit the ground running. The tough cop in him was raring to give the drug lords, pushers, users and protectors hell. The denizens of drug alley had reason to be alarmed. Even human rights advocates were worried.

"I would be out there in the streets now had the President accepted my offer." Sen. Robert Barbers imagines the scenario and the role he would have played had he resigned from his Senate post to "head a superbody that would oversee" a nationwide anti-drug campaign.

Drug czar taking on drug lords? "Maybe I have a mission to fulfill," Barbers muses while describing his bout two years ago with a serious ailment that had him crying for divine intervention. He emerged healed and humbled. But this is getting ahead of the story.

No sooner had President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo sounded her war cry on drugs than Barbers responded. But he could not be senator and drug czar at the same time. The President told him to remain in the Senate. With the recent death of Sen. Renato Cayetano, the unhealthy state of action star-turned-senator Ramon Revilla and the worrisome state of loyalty of some, the pro-administration majority in the Senate was in the danger zone. Barbers' leaving could tip the balance.

"I was not thinking of politics when I made that offer," Barbers points out. But certainly he would have gained political points that could boost his chances of becoming a vice presidential contender.

"I was going to make a promise," Barbers counters, "that if the drug campaign succeeded under me and if I were allowed to continue, I would not run for elective office. Not even for another term as senator." And not for vice president too, even if he's invited, he adds.

Now the role he wanted for himself in the anti-drug campaign is on hold. The "four aces" are waiting in the wings. The other "aces" Barbers called upon are his former police boss and Manila mayor Alfredo Lim and fellow cops Lucio Margallo and Reynaldo Jaylo—incidentally, all with action movies on their exploits.

Some sectors say Barbers has at least provided a loud voice and a human face to so-called political will, if not a new shot in the slackening arm of law enforcement. "This has always been my crusade, since I was a private until I was head of the Department of the Interior and Local Government. I've told the police, you must have political will, you cannot be *urong-sulong* (half-hearted). *Kahit sinong masagasaan.* (No matter who gets hit)."

Taking on a fellow senator is what Barbers, head of the Senate committee on illegal drugs, has prepared for. On his hot list is Sen. Panfilo Lacson, 2004 presidential contender, pusher of a brand of brandy, former chief of the Philippine National Police. Barbers is sponsoring the report, based on the investigation of three Senate committees headed by Senators Joker Arroyo, Ramon Magsaysay Jr. and himself.

Barbers describes his efforts. "The report had been rerouted and it took some time. When I was about to sponsor it, Lacson stepped out (of the Senate). Sen. John Osmeña questioned the quorum and walked out with Sen. Serge Osmeña. But there was a quorum during the roll call. The next day, the same thing. See, even the minority signed the report, even if with reservations. *Matagal nang hinog ito."* (This has been ripe for a long time.)

When congress reopens this month, Barbers will try again. "If there's no quorum again, well, *ang taong bayan hindi na matutuwa sa kanila* (people will not be pleased with them)."

Barbers concedes that the committee's report on Lacson is only in aid of legislation and recommendatory. "We recommend that the Department of Justice pursue the investigation of Lacson and others for their alleged involvement in criminal activities. We are not here to determine the guilt of anybody."

Barbers is the principal author of the Comprehensive Drugs Act (R.A. 9165) of 2002 which he describes as "the harshest drug law in Asia." He wanted it to be more severe, making possession of 10 grams unbailable. "We settled on 50 grams. You get life imprisonment to death, regardless of whether you are a pusher or a user. Arresting officers who plant evidence could get death. *Sobra talaga ito."*

He describes the drug situation as alarming. "Shabu and ephedrine mostly come from mainland China. Drugs also come from Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan. Laboratories are now put up here. We have to activate the Coast Guard, customs, immigration. Drugs are coming in through Cagayan, Poro Point and Palawan. We have a vast coastline. 'No money, no people' should not be a reason. But the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency only had a yearly budget of P76 million and now it's P120 million which is not enough. The Philippines used to be just a transshipment area. Now, we're a big market. If we do not lick this problem, in five years we will be the drug capital of Asia. We are now second to Thailand. The President is right in her call for people power against drugs."

He commends the PDEA (headed by Anselmo Avenido) and the police for busting seven labs. "I told PDEA, you need two things: political will and community involvement. Strengthen intelligence networking. Train people, make them cooperate.

"Rounding up the pushers is a good start. Supply reduction and demand reduction must go together. Get the big fish, get the small ones too."

Born 58 years ago in Surigao del Norte, Barbers is the eldest of six children of Judge Felix Barbers and former superintendent of schools Regina Barbers, both now in their 80s. His grandfather, George Barbers (Barbieri) was an Italian-American who came during the Spanish-American war and stayed on after marrying an Ilocana.

Barbers cut his teeth on Earl Stanley Gardner and Agatha Christie. He idolized Perry Mason. After graduating valedictorian from high school he went to the University of the Philippines and planned to go to the US to study further.

Barbers' plans got waylaid when his uncle, James Barbers of the Manila Police, made him take the police exams. He topped his class.

Barbers finished a law degree in Lyceum of the Philippines when he was already in the service. He has a master's degree in national security administration from the National Defense College.

Barbers married wife Virginia when he was 22. They have four children, all married now—Surigao del Norte Gov. Robert Lyndon, Congressman Robert Ace, Philippine Tourism Authority manager Robert Dean, and Mary Grace B. Baja, who graduated from De La Salle University with highest honors. They have 11 grandchildren. "My children and I are like buddies," Barbers beams.

Barbers is proud of having held three posts simultaneously—as chief of Precinct 5 in Ermita, chief of intelligence and operations and official spokesperson of Western Police District under Gen. Alfredo Lim who later took Barbers with him to the NBI.

He has killed a few, Barbers admits. "The first one was in a shootout with wanted robbers in Tondo. I was hit in the buttocks." Barbers headed the NBI team that arrested drug lord Pepe Oyson and killed him when Oyson reportedly tried to pull out a gun.

Barbers resigned from police work in 1992 to run for congress. On his second term, he ran unopposed. He admits missing police work at first but this eased when Speaker Jose de Venecia created a committee on effective law enforcement for him to head. Barbers was elected senator in 1998.

In 2000, he went to the US for a major battle that would change his outlook. The cause of his persistent cough turned out to be a malignancy near his tonsils.

"What happened was a miracle, divine intervention," he relates with relish. The doctor he needed was away and he and his wife stumbled upon a name—Dr. Bruce Haughey—who turned out to be one of the best in his field. "I was given a 40 percent chance of surviving the operation and my face was likely to be sawed down the middle. I cried and pleaded. The doctor put his arms around us and prayed, leaving it all up to God."

Barbers underwent a 12-hour operation at the sprawling Barnes Jewish Hospital in Missouri. "The other miracle was that every 3 p.m. the snow storm would stop so we could drive to the hospital for radiation." He visited the Lourdes Shrine in France after that.

Barbers shows the big scar on his left arm, the source of the skin grafted on his throat area which was radically scraped clean. Barbers was in the US for six months. His vote was sorely needed during the Estrada impeachment. "Some thought he paid me off to stay away," he laughs.

Frail and with a voice hardly audible, Barbers was back in the Senate in 2001. He had speech therapy and, for almost a year, was fed via a tube.

He was not a very religious man, Barbers admits, having gone back to church only when his youngest, an only daughter, was born. The experience overwhelmed him.

Barbers now often speaks of miracles and divine intervention. He wants to return the favor by reaching out to the needy. "God wants us to be cheerful givers but," he complains, "sometimes it is too much." His colleagues call him quack doctor because of the long queue outside his office.

He is back in his old form. Barbers might yet get his wish, to be on the streets again and do it himself.

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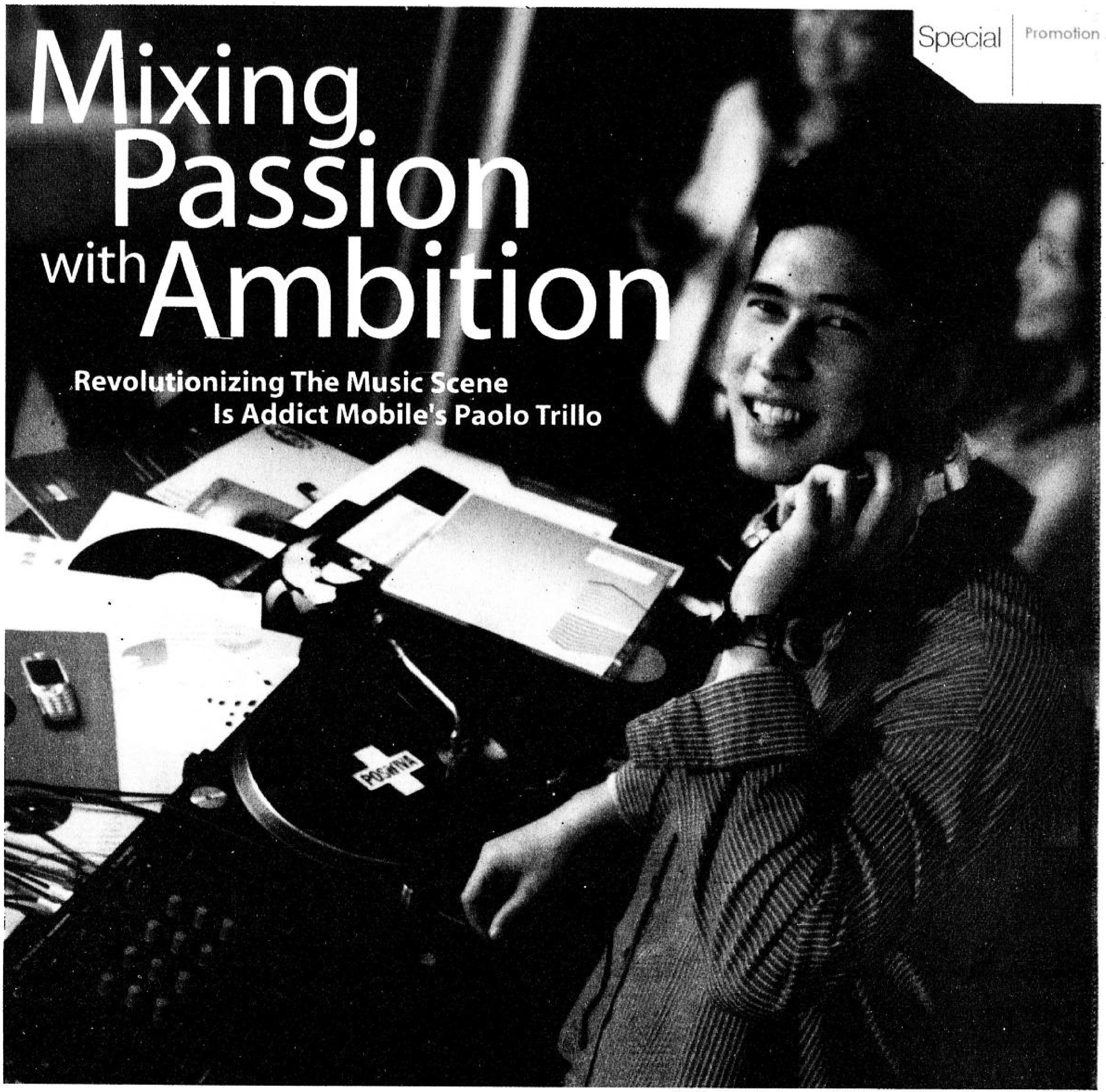
Mixing Passion with Ambition

Revolutionizing The Music Scene Is Addict Mobile's Paolo Trillo



> "**Music is universal**, it is something all of us can relate to and it is something all of us can turn to for whatever problems we have."

These are the words of Paolo Trillo, entrepreneur, sportscaster, and absolute music enthusiast. To limit Paolo's multifarious personality to his vocation or his hobbies is to scratch the surface of this dynamic and well-travelled young man. His addiction to music is one borne out of curiosity and experience, as well as kinship and identity. It is an addiction so well entrenched in his soul that one could only describe it as passion.

It was the mid-to-late nineties and a young Mr. Trillo was taking in his first taste of a long musical journey. "A popular club along Pasong Tamo was where I first experienced the feeling of a true community in music," he says with a wistful smile, "my best friends from college were all part of it, and lifelong friendships were made during my time spent there." It was a genesis point where DJs created a special atmosphere of blissful interaction and post-work (or school) stress release. For those neophytes who have experienced the recent lavish Big Fish events, the mid nineties saw a transformation of the scene. Those who started and experienced it sowed the seeds for many generations of young and trendy music lovers all over the country. Today, many followers of the dance scene are still curious, their appetite whetted by their brief encounter with this new form of music culture.

A trip with some college buddies around Europe took Paolo's enthusiasm to a new level. He traversed across the old continent taking in the time-honored sites of London, Paris, et al, but more importantly the progressive, enlightened, and relevant modern music scene. "Europe was an eye-opener," he recalls, "it was just so cutting-edge, so advanced. People weren't afraid to hear new music or meet new people wherever they went." For Paolo, this ignited his desire to create something for himself, his friends, and his city. Hence was born the former celebrated fashionable dance club called Pravda. "The atmosphere was amazing in Europe. The scale of the events, the diversity of music, and the passion displayed by the people was what inspired me to try something back home. My blood was infused with music by then!"

Pravda, despite its short life, was the epicenter for cutting edge dance music in Manila. It took in the most innovative DJs and promoters, as well as attracting a good-looking, stylish, and intelligent crowd. Manila's great DJs had legendary nights there with crowds spilling onto the tight Wednesday's Hip-Hop nights drew in the most gorgeous babes and guys that the raw energy could be seen dripping off the walls. New Year's Eve was at a greater scale altogether. Many people present described it as decadent revelry, others described it as the biggest street party in Manila (despite it being inside), but most described it as the community of dance music souls, coming together as one on the very last and first day of the year.

"I love all forms of music," he says, "I used to be into alternative in my younger years, hip-hop as well. I believe there are so many Filipinos out there who are thirsty for new music. That's why I started Pravda, and that's why I believe in Addict Mobile. The service gives me what every music lover needs. It's a first and I think it could turn a lot of people on to more cutting-edge music."

Paolo Trillo doesn't just listen and love music; he participates in it. He doesn't just go to music events; he feels a connection with them. Paolo Trillo is not your average music lover; he's addicted to the tunes, the people, the places, the experience, and the vibe. He's definitely an addict – of pure musical passion.

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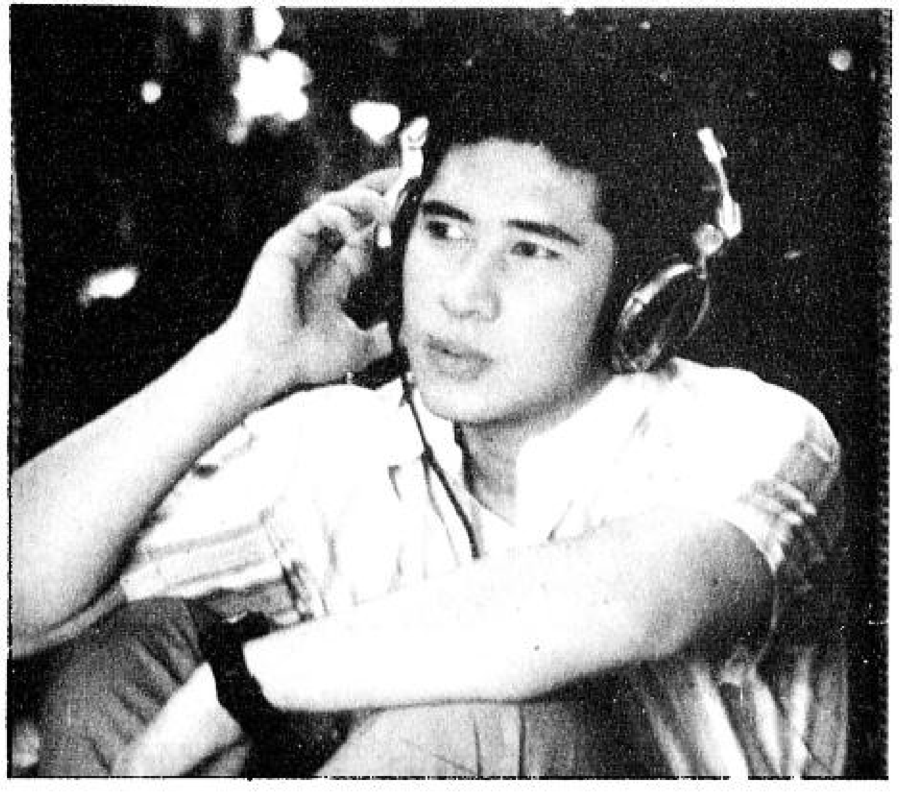

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Theater Tales

By Cora Llamas

From Nurse to Goddess

BETOY JOHNSON

SEASONED theater goers are still raving about Connie Lauigan-Chua's manipulative yet totally sympathetic Helen of Troy in the Philippine Educational Theater Association's (Peta) "Trojan Women" more than a couple of decades ago. It's probably one of the thespian's most memorable parts. Not that she can't do down and dirty. Another stirring role was that of the lone survivor who survived 21 rapes by military soldiers in *"Nagbaril sa Isla Major,"* also by Peta.

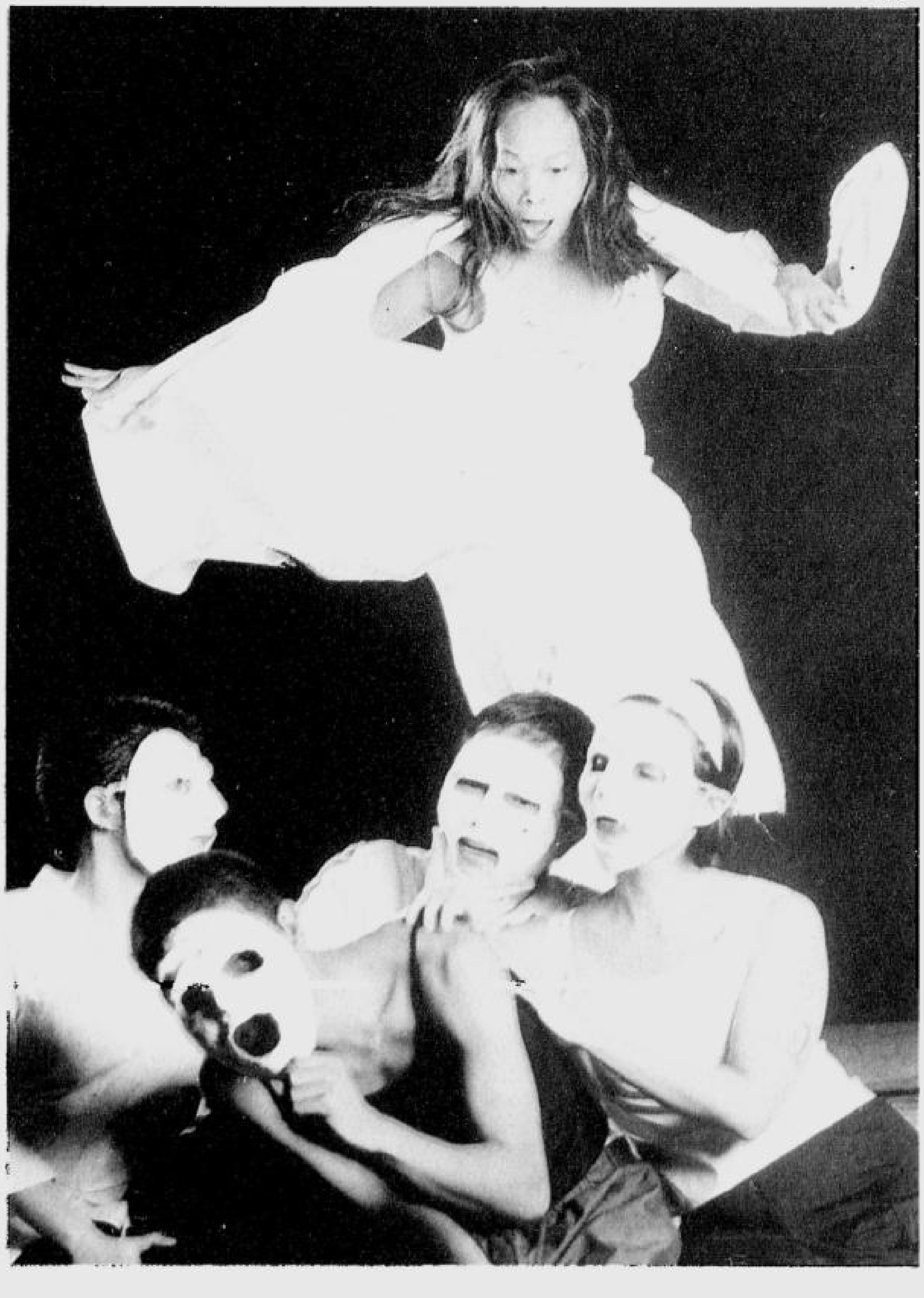
Then there are the performances that garnered her award nominations: the Urian for her work as the tough rebel woman in Raymond Red's experimental film "*Bayani*" (1993) and the Metro Manila Film Festival as the embattled mother in Gil Portes' *"Saranggola"* (1999).

There is one drawback, though. Sometimes, people tend to confuse Connie with her onstage and on-film personas. "I've heard that some of them think I'm intimidating and arrogant," she sighs. "If only they knew—I'm really a homebody, I'm not that brave. I do reach out. When I get depressed, I just tell myself to let them be, that they don't really know me because they haven't shared a beer with me."

Intimidation and arrogance may be uncalled for, but she comes by that fortitude and edge honestly. The lady is as modest and unassuming as her barrio roots in Cagayan; the discomfort in tooting her own horn is palpable. But bit by bit, the battles she has won to live out her dreams come out.

There was the lack of encouragement from a practical mother who instead led her to pursue a more lucrative Nursing degree. As a young girl, Connie's requests for music or art lessons would consistently be turned down. "The culture in the place didn't encourage it," she shrugs it off as a fact of life. "The only expectation then was to get a degree and settle down with a husband. If I said that I wanted to play the piano, they'd ask whom I was imitating. If I tried to draw, they said I was destroying the paper."

Stage veteran Connie Lauigan-Chua, soon to be seen in "Bilog" at the Off-Avignon Festival in France, has cornered the market in strong female roles. Fortunately, she's had some practice


In action in "Bilog"

During commencement day, Connie jestingly gave the diploma to her mother. "Happy graduation!" She made sure she had fun during college, though. As soon as nursing books and the labs were closed, Connie would take the lead in extra-curricular activities in drama and other related arts. It was a path she'd juggle for most of her life.

She'd work as a staff nurse in hospital from 8 to 5, then run to rehearsals at night. In between, she'd coordinate the theater and dance clubs of her fellow medical professionals.

Chalk it up to a commanding aura, but even in the hospital circuit, she got the hard cases. "The higher-ups thought I was tough and gave me some kind of initiation!" she exclaims in mock disbelief. "The work can be difficult if you're handling a lot of patients. Once, I had seven under my care in a private ward where the paying patients can afford to be demanding. But at one time, I was asked to take care of the old people suffering Parkinson's Disease. It would take just an hour to feed one—and almost forever to bring him to the bathroom."

Yet it was her genuine compassion for the needy and her own desire to mingle with the people that made her continue her nursing duties. "I did like taking care of them." By the 1990s, Connie had joined the Medical Action Group, an NGO made up of medical professionals who looked after the health concerns of political detainees.

Politically, the actress maintains, "I'm more at the center now. My *pakikibaka* is more of service." During her more intense days as an outspoken fighter for justice in the 1970s, she'd have long furious debates with her late father, a retired master sergeant. To get the usually quiet old man to talk, she'd get him to drink. Then the first salvo was thrown: "Hey, Papa, how is Marcos' *tuta?"*

"*Sinverguenza*! I'm still your father!" he would thunder back.

Yet, perhaps no other battle is as fulfilling as her onstage triumphs. Starting out from chorus and working her way to supporting roles, she endured her fair share of snobbery. One scriptwriter totally ignored her when she was cast over his choice. How did Connie handle it? Fuming inside, she swore, "You $#@!&*! I can take you on! I'll show you!"

She did, and her repertoire and range expanded to productions in Tanghalang Pilipino, Balintataw, and Dulaang UP. The arts teacher in her also emerged via classes in Stella Maris and the Philippine High School of the Arts. Later on, in between quitting her nursing stint and going into freelancing, she groomed young talents for the educational programs of ABS-CBN.

Not surprisingly, she remains fond of Peta, where she grew her acting wings. One special memory is her collaboration with the late German director Fritz Bennewitz, who guest directed "Galileo" and "Trojan Women." Fritz, who became a close friend, was a mixture of mentor and taskmaster, pushing his actors to get into the role and bring out different layers of characterization. In one particular grueling rehearsal, unable to get "into it" after hours of practice, Connie stormed out, screaming, "What are you doing to me? Do you think I'm some kind of idiot?"

He waited, patiently poker faced while she sobbed her heart out. Afterwards, with her emotional layers peeled naked, she strode back to the stage one last time. After watching her nth attempt, Bennewitz was the first one to applaud.

"See!" he gestured to the watching cast and crew. "What did I tell you? She *is* good!"

The foreign audience is again watching in Connie's latest stint, "*Bilog*," Dulaang Talyer's production of love and mayhem among gods and mortals alike. For a total of 23 performances, from July 7 to 31, the Nic Pichay play, directed by Paul Morales, will play at the Off-Avignon Festival in France. The Philippines is one of the 20 participating countries.

Pichay says that the urban yuppie love story, intermingled with incarnations of Panay mythology, "answers the question of creation: Who are we and how did we come here?"

Connie plays the poor, downtrodden seller of herbs who actually mirrors the powerful goddess Alunsina, a powerhouse hidden in the clay piece of human flesh, waiting for the right moment of relevation. The way the playwright describes the character, he might as well have been describing his lead actress.

This Week

Art

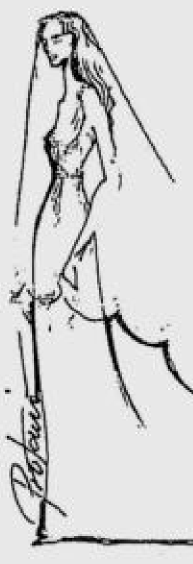
"Solitaryo," Gil Sakay Flores' first one-man show. Opens on July 12 at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila. For more information, call 523-3331 or e-mail hiraya@info.com.ph.

New Works, Jason Oliveria's latest works on paper. At The Drawing Room until July 16. For more information, call 897-7877 or 897-6990.

Colored Waters,. Ramon Diaz's latest exhibition, captures the very essence of the Koi on canvas. On view at the Galleria Duemila, 4/L Bldg.·A of SM Megamall until July 13. For inquiries, call Ina Fajardo or Lhorrie Galvez of Galleria Duemila at 831-9990.

Music

The Sangandaan 2003 Festival opens today at 8 p.m. with the musical extravaganza **Da Blues, Da Jazz, Da Way We Were** at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Francisco Balagtas (FAT). Features sarswela scenes, vaudeville numbers, songs from radio and film and a Carnaval de Manila coronation and rigodon, depicting the many facets of Philippine-American relations in arts and media in the last 100 years. Performers include Streetboys, Bituin Escalante, Calvin Millado, The Company, Anna Fegi, PETA, Philippine Madrigal Singers, Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group and many more. For ticket information, call Lei Ganaden of CCP Marketing at 832-3681 or 832-1125 local 1804.



A Medieval inspired gown in gathered silk-tulle by Protacio

Lagi Kitang Mamahalin: A Musical Tribute to Phil. National Artists. At the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo (Main Theater) on July 11 and 12 at 8:00 p.m. Features Sharon Cuneta, Regine Velasquez, Lani Misalucha, Jolina Magdangal, Vina Morales, Roselle Nava, Verni Varga, Eugene Villaluz, Bituin Escalante, Paolo Santos, Ana Fegi, Calvin Millado, Cris Villonco, the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, Tanghalang Pilipino, the Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company, the Philippine Madrigal Singers, Ballet Philippines and the UP College of Music Choir, among other artists. For ticket inquiries, call the CCP Marketing Dept. at 832-3681/551-7930/832-1125 loc. 1800-1807.

Cinema

"Four from Canada: A Festival of Contemporary Canadian Films" until July 11 at the CCP Dream Theater and the NCCA Auditorium. "Atarnajuat, the Fast Runner" will be shown at the CCP Dream Theater today at 4:30 p.m. and at the NCCA Auditorium on July 8, 6:30 p.m. and July 11, 6:30 p.m. An exciting thriller based on ancient Inuit legend, the film unfolds a life-threatening struggle between powerful natural and supernatural characters. "Company of Strangers" will be shown at the CCP Dream Theater today at 6:30 p.m. and at the NCCA Auditorium on July 10, 6:30 p.m. It is a memorable and endearing film about friendship and courage featuring non-professional actors and spontaneous dialogue. "Mon Oncle Antoine" presents a hundred-and-one vignettes of village life as seen through a young boy's eyes. To be shown at the NCCA Auditorium on July 9, 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call the CCP Film Division at 832-1125 local 1704-1705.

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Shapes: molding workshop facilitated by Rene Cubar, on July 13 and 20, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Fee of P3,000 includes materials and lunch. E-mail Sinag Arts at sinag@fastmail.next.net, call 531-3491 or fax 531-9524.

Mandarin Oriental, Manila's **Pure Yoga studio** stages a second run of its basic meditation program with resident yogi Prakash Singh Bisht. From July 7 to August 2, the full course consists of six one-hour sessions with a minimum of three and a maximum of 12 students. For inquiries, call 750-8888 extension 2105.

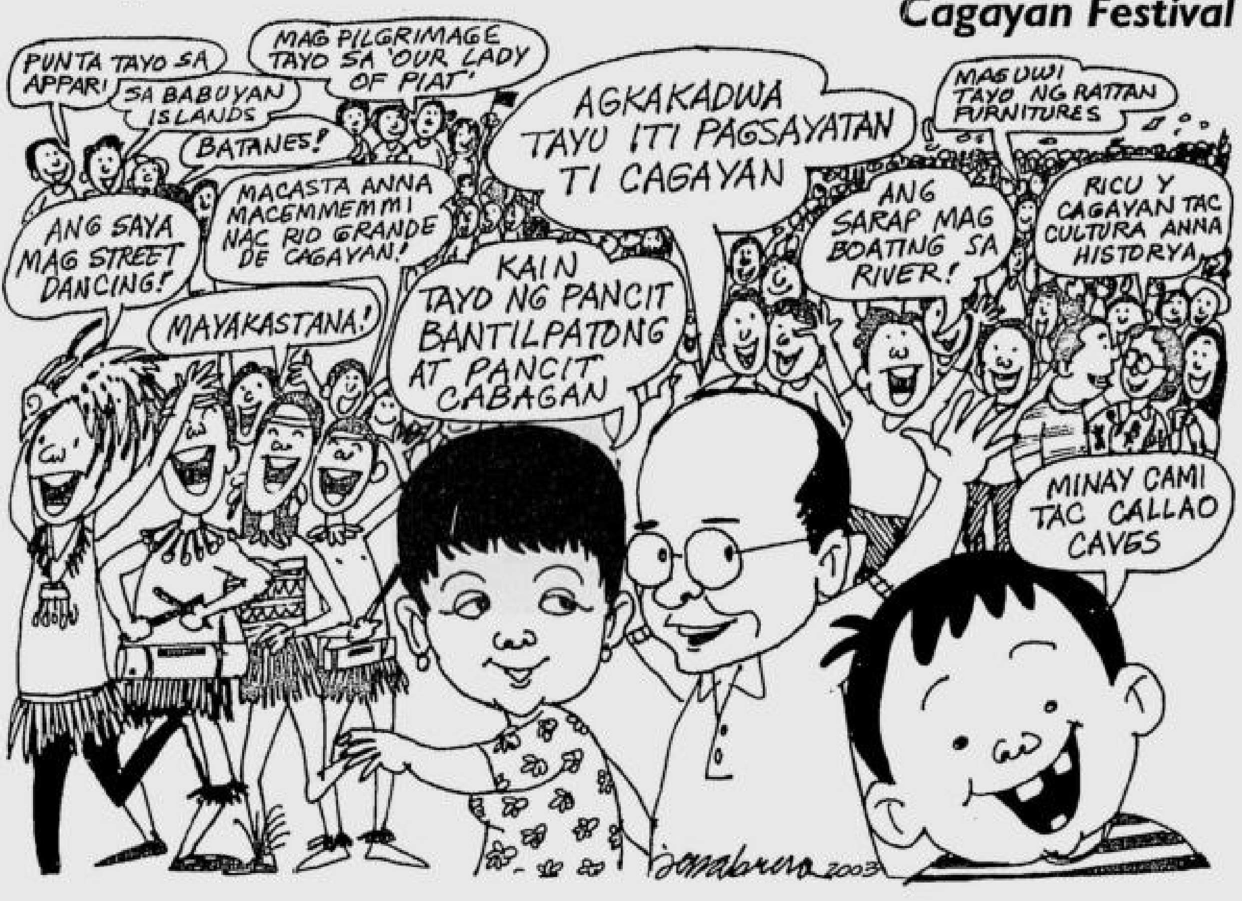
X-manila

"Weddings at The Waterfront 2003" until July 6, at the Pacific Grand Ballroom of The Waterfront Hotel, Cebu City. Features a fashion show directed by Jackie Aquino with participating designers Mario Colmenares, Jude Elardo, Protacio, Jun Escario, Arcy Gayatın, Oj Hofer, Monique Lhullier, Dino Lloren, Philip Rodriguez, Vittorio Barba, Patrice Ramos-Diaz, Rhett Eala, Rajo Laurel, Jesus Lloren, Anthony Nocom, Randy Ortiz, Frederick Peralta and Inno Sotto.

Pinoy Nga!

By Jess Abrera

Cagayan Festival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SIM: What's a good, fun day for you guys?

GB: Sleeping in and then doing something together as a family, going to a movie or to the mall.

SIM: How are you trying to make up for the lost time with your children?

GB: I can't make up for lost time. No one can. So I just listen to the stories of what they did while I was gone and just stay happy about being together now.

SIM: What particular blessings are you grateful for these days?

GB: Lots of friends. So many people have said, "If you need anything, call me." So friendships are a particular blessing right now.

SIM: What was the best advice you got after the ordeal?

GB: To ask for help when I need it. Don't try to do it on your own. Ask for help if you see that you need help.

SIM: We believe you have not turned your back on the Philippines. Would you have any idea when you may come back?

GB: The children and I really want to go back for a visit. I'm not sure I'm at that stage where I would come back to live in the Philippines. But we would love to come back sometime to see old friends that we love.

SIM: When you speak in public, what do you usually share or talk about? How does this affect your schedule with the family?

GB: I'm trying to do about one speaking engagement a month so I'm not away from my family a lot. When I speak, I share my experiences in the jungle and what God taught me through them. Everyone has been so kind in every place I've traveled to speak.

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The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote

Letters of Faith and Hope

To our lay faithful, assure your priests that you love them, that you will not abandon them and that you will always pray for them

Excerpts from Letter One

"The Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is now suffering. Like the Heart of Jesus surrounded by thorns, we are pained by what we see and hear around us... Like the Heart of Jesus, we are in sorrow. Yet we also believe that like the Heart of our Lord, this suffering love will be our salvation. It is these trials that will enable us to be more in communion with the Crucified Christ. It is this seeming darkness that will lead us to the unfading light and glory of God . . .

These times call for deeper faith, faithful love and fervent hope:

Let us pray for Bishop Ted Bacani. Let us pray for those who have been hurt by this incident. May the truth and charity that come from God prevail.

To our lay faithful, assure your priests that you love them, that you will not abandon them and that you will always pray for them. Now, more than ever, they need your understanding and support.

To my beloved priests, let this period be a moment of purification and conversion. Let this be an opportunity to examine ourselves if we are truly configured to the image of the Good Shepherd.

If we are united in prayers, we will be able to unite our sufferings with the Lord. . .

This is not the worst of times. This can be the best for it will be a "*kairos*"—an unfolding of God's manifold grace to those who trust in Him!

As I end, let me share with you a poem entitled "Silent Hidden Priests" from the Maddona House in Canada:

Christ works in silence.
God works in silence.
The things of God are characterized by
Silence
Hiddeness
Prayer
Simplicity
Poverty

The crisis of the Church
is basically the crisis of priesthood.
And it will all be renewed
by priests who are simple, hidden,
prayerful and live a life of poverty.
As priests are men of faith and dedication,
then the Church will be renewed.
Christ after His resurrection
Always acted in great silence
And in great hiddenness." . . .
(Jaime L. Cardinal Sin,DD)

(This Letter One is a grieving letter of a father.)

Letter Two tells the story about a son.

The Son

Every Sunday afternoon after the morning service, the Pastor and his 11-year-old son would go out and hand out Gospel tracts. This afternoon, it was cold outside. The boy bundled up in his warmest clothes and said "Okay Dad, I'm ready."

His Pastor Dad responds, "Son, it's very cold outside and it's pouring down rain." The boy gives his Dad a surprised look, asking, "But Dad, aren't people still going to Hell even though it's raining?" Dad answers, "Son, I am not going out in this weather." Despondently the boy asks, "Dad, can I go — Please?" His father hesitated for a moment then said, "Son, you can go. Here are the tracts; be careful, son." "Thanks, Dad!" And with that he was off and out into the rain.

This 11-year-old boy walked the streets of the town going door-to-door and handing everybody he met in the street a Gospel tract. After two hours of walking in the rain, he was soaking wet and down to his very last tract. He stopped on a corner and looked for someone but the streets were deserted.

Then he turned toward the first home he saw and started up the sidewalk to the front door and rang the doorbell. He rang the bell--but nobody answered. Finally, this 11-year-old trooper turned to leave but something stopped him.

Again, he turned to the door and rang the bell and knocked loudly on the door with his fist. He waited; something held him there on the front porch. He rang again, and this time the door slowly opened. Standing in the doorway was a very sad looking elderly lady. She softly asked, "What can I do for you, son?"

With radiant eyes and a smile that lit up her world, this little boy said, "Ma'am, I'm sorry if I disturbed you, but I just want to tell you that Jesus REALLY DOES LOVE YOU! I came to give you my very last Gospel tract which will tell you all about Jesus and His great love." With that he handed her his last tract and turned to leave. She called him as he departed, "Thank you, son! And God bless you!"

The following Sunday morning, Pastor Dad was in the pulpit and as the service began he asked, "Does anybody have a testimony or want to say anything?"

Slowly, in the back row of the church, an elderly lady stood to her feet. "None of you in this church know me. I've never been here before. You see, before last Sunday I was not a Christian. My husband has passed on some time ago, leaving me totally alone in this world. Last Sunday, I came to the end of the line where I no longer had any hope or will to live. So I took a rope and a chair and ascended the stairway into the attic of my home. I fastened the rope securely to a rafter in the roof then stood on the chair and fastened the other end of the rope around my neck.

"Standing on that chair, so lonely and broken-hearted, I was about to leap off when suddenly the loud ringing of my doorbell downstairs startled me. I thought, 'I'll wait a minute, and whoever it is will go away.' I waited and waited but the ringing doorbell seemed to get louder and more insistent and then the person ringing also started knocking loudly.

"I thought to myself again, who on earth could this be? I loosened the rope from my neck and started for the front door, all the while the bell rang louder and louder.

"When I opened the door and looked, I could hardly believe my eyes! There on my front porch was the most angelic little boy I had ever seen! His smile! Oh, I could never describe it to you! And the words that came from his mouth caused my heart, that had long been dead, to leap to life as he exclaimed, 'Ma'am, I just came to tell you that JESUS REALLY DOES LOVE YOU.'"

"As the little angel disappeared back out into the cold and rain, I closed my door and read slowly every word of this Gospel tract. Then I went up to my attic to get my rope and chair. I wouldn't be needing them any more.

"You see, I am now a happy child of the KING, and since the address of your church was on the back of this Gospel tract I have come here to personally say thank you to God's little angel who came just in the nick of time, and by so doing, spared my soul from an eternity in Hell."

There were now no dry eyes in the church. Pastor Dad descended from the pulpit to the front pew where the little angel was seated. He took him in his arms and sobbed uncontrollably. Probably this Universe has never seen a Papa that was more filled with love and honor for his son, except for one:

This Father, God, also allowed His Son, Jesus, to go out into a cold and dark world.

There may be someone, reading this, who is also going through a dark, cold, and lonely time in your soul. Whatever the case and whatever the problem or situation you find yourself in, and no matter how dark it may seem, I want you to know that I just came to tell you, "Jesus Really Does Love You."

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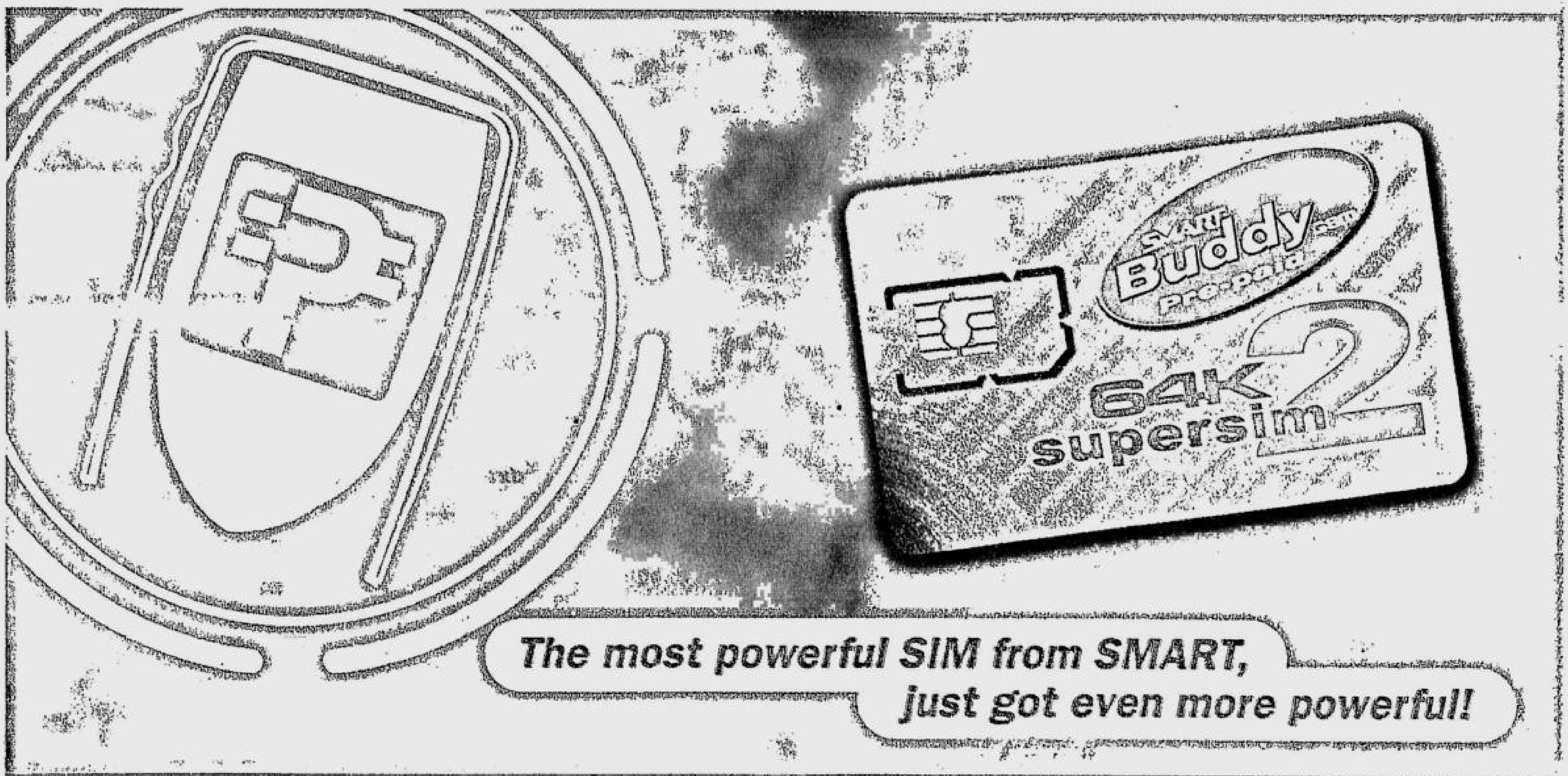
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